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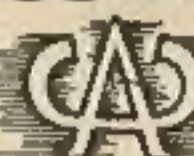
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IN THE OUTLAW OF SHERWOOD FOREST

YOUNG ROBIN HOOD OF LOOKESLEY WAS BORN TO THE FOREST, A SKILLED ARCHER EARLY IN LIFE, HE BECAME THE BEST IN ALL ENGLAND! BUT WITH HIS PARENTS GONE, HE HAD TO FIND A FUTURE FOR HIMSELF! THERE WAS TO BE AN ARCHERY CONTEST IN NOTTINGHAM...THE VICTOR WAS TO RECEIVE A SOLID GOLD ARROW AND A JOB IN THE KING'S FORESTERS! AND SO HE WAS ON HIS WAY, BUT THERE WERE OBSTACLES IN HIS PATH!

TWENTY PIECES OF SILVER TO THE YEOMAN WHO DOWNS YON POACHER!

I'M NO POACHER.. BUT I'M THE BEST BOWMAN IN SHERWOOD FOREST! AND HERE'S A SAMPLE, FORESTER!



THAT ENCOUNTER BRANDED HIM AS AN OUTLAW-- ONE OF THE BAND WHO LIVED IN THE KING'S FOREST AND ATE THE KING'S DEER...

IS THIS THE NOTTINGHAM FAIR WHERE THE ARCHERY TRIAL WILL BE HELD?

AYE, LAD-- BUT GO NO FURTHER UNLESS YOUR CONSCIENCE IS CLEAR! THE SHERIFF OF NOTTINGHAM'S MEN SEEK A YOUNG OUTLAW WHOSE DESCRIPTION MATCHES YOUR OWN!



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YOUNG ROBIN OF LOCKESLEY THOUGHT SWIFTLY... THEN HE QUICKLY IMPROVISED A HOOD...

THAT HIDES YOUR FACE, LAD! LET'S GET TO THE CONTEST-- AND IF ONE OF US WINS THE PRIZE, REMEMBER, THE HIGH SHERIFF'S DAUGHTER EXPECTS IT-- IT WILL MAKE HER QUEEN OF THE FAIR!



BULL'S-EYE! LET THEM MATCH THAT!

THE TARGET IS CLOSE! I COULD HIT THAT BEFORE I COULD BEND A BOW!



TRUE, IT WAS AN EASY TARGET-- BUT YOU DIDN'T AIM, LAD!

TELL THEM TO MOVE IT BACK THIRTY PACES!



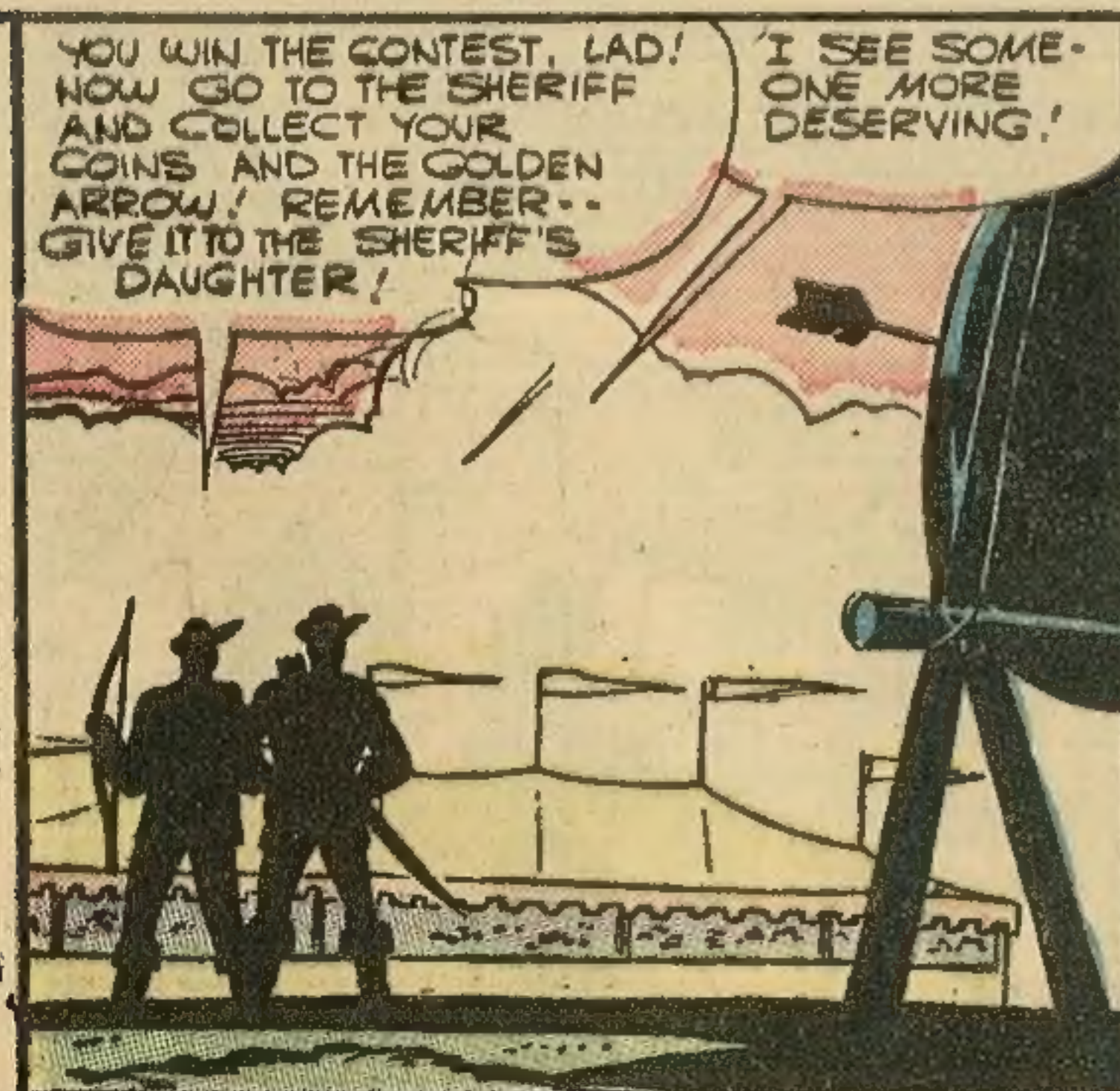
THE CONTEST WENT ON -- TILL ONLY ROBIN OF THE HOOD AND WILL STUTELY, HIS NEW FRIEND, WERE LEFT! THE TARGETS WERE FAR AWAY...

MAID MARIAN RECOGNIZED ME! AND SHE'S WITH THE HIGH SHERIFF!



YOU WIN THE CONTEST, LAD! NOW GO TO THE SHERIFF AND COLLECT YOUR COINS AND THE GOLDEN ARROW! REMEMBER-- GIVE IT TO THE SHERIFF'S DAUGHTER!

I SEE SOME-ONE MORE DESERVING!



THE ARROGANT HIGH SHERIFF PRESENTED THE PURSE AND THE GOLDEN ARROW, BUT INSTEAD OF THE SHERIFF'S DAUGHTER...

FOR THE FAIREST LADY OF ALL!

I SHALL TREASURE THIS, ROBIN OF THE HOOD!





YOUR EXCELLENCY-- THAT'S THE OUTLAW WHO KILLED THE KING'S DEER AND LOOSED AN ARROW AT ME!

SEIZE HIM!

THE KING'S FORESTERS CLOSED IN... BUT THE PEOPLE HAD NO LOVE FOR THE BULLYING MEN OF THE SHERIFF OF NOTTINGHAM...



THERE'S ONLY ONE REFUGE--SHERWOOD FOREST AND THE OUTLAWS!



WE'RE IN THE FOREST-- BUT THEY'LL CATCH ME MORE EASILY ON HORSE! AT THE NEXT BEND, I'LL SEND HIM ON!



DEEP IN THE WOODS, ROBIN HOOD LEAPED OFF AND SENT THE ANIMAL GALLOPING! THEN...

HE'S NOT FAR AWAY! THE HIGH SHERIFF PROMISED RICHES TO THE MAN WHO GETS HIM!



BY THE GRAIL-- THEY'LL FOLLOW THE NAG CLEAR TO SCOTLAND!

CURB YOUR MIRTH, BEARDLESS ONE! YOU BROUGHT SOLDIERS TO OUR FOREST!



'BROUGHT THEM HERE? THEY CHASED ME! I'VE BEEN OUTLAWED BY THE SHERIFF OF NOTTINGHAM!

MAYBE--MAYBE NOT-- WALK AHEAD! A SHAFT WILL STOP YOU IF YOU RUN!

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A FEW MINUTES LATER, ROBIN SAW THE OUTLAW HEADQUARTERS OF SHERWOOD FOREST FOR THE FIRST TIME...

HO, ALLEN-A-DALE! WHAT HAVE YOU THERE?

ONE WHO SAYS HE IS AN OUTLAW! MAYBE HE IS A SPY!



STAND ASIDE THEN! WE CANNOT TAKE THE CHANCE!

NAY! WE HAVE NO LEADER! PERHAPS ONE-EYED WILL CAN HELP US DECIDE WHEN HE RETURNS FROM NOTTINGHAM!



EAT HEARTY--WHEN YOU HAVE DONE, YOU WILL DIE WITH A FULL STOMACH!

EASY, GEORGE! YON LAD IS ONE OF US! HE WON THE NOTTINGHAM TOURNAMENT TODAY--AND YOU REMEMBER OUR AGREEMENT!



AY, THE WINNER OF THE ARCHERY CONTEST WAS TO LEAD THE BAND! BUT WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE YOU, WILL STUTELY!

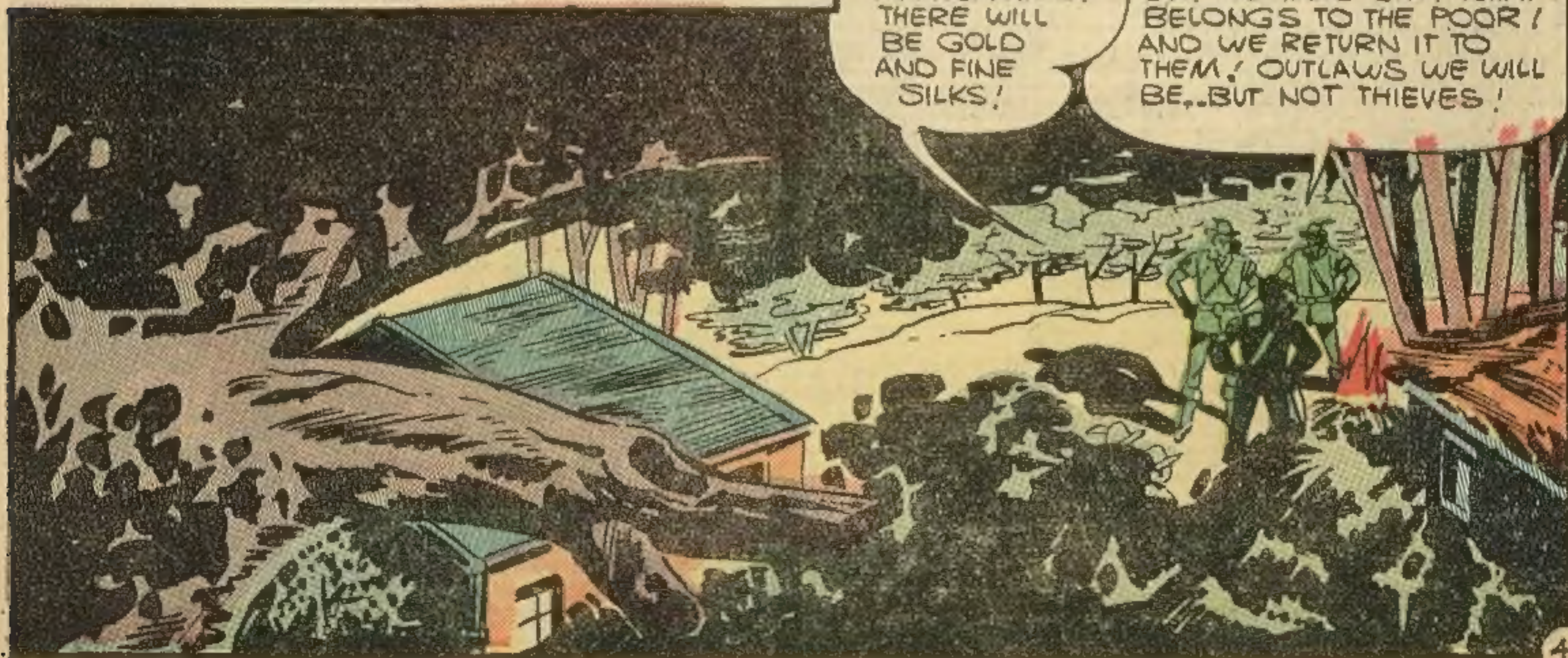
NAY, THE LAD IS FAR BETTER THAN I! HE IS YOUNG, WELL-BORN, AND FEARLESS! ROBIN HOOD WILL LEAD US!



THUS, ROBIN HOOD, THE YOUNGEST OF THEM ALL, BECAME THE LEADER OF SHERWOOD FOREST! BUT HE HAD NEW IDEAS...

A RICH BAND APPROACHES! THERE WILL BE GOLD AND FINE SILKS!

WAIT--THEY CALL US OUTLAWS! BUT FROM NOW ON, WE TAKE ONLY WHAT BELONGS TO THE POOR! AND WE RETURN IT TO THEM! OUTLAWS WE WILL BE, BUT NOT THIEVES!



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THE SHERIFF OF NOTTINGHAM WAS FURIOUS! HE SUMMONED ALL HIS MEN FOR A RAID ON THE OUTLAWS...



THE OUTLAWS GROW MORE DARING SINCE ROBIN HOOD BECAME CHIEF! BRING HIM TO ME IN CHAINS! WIPE OUT THE BAND!

IT WILL NOT BE EASY, YOUR EXCELLENCY... BUT WE WILL TRY!

MARIAN, CHILDHOOD FRIEND OF ROBIN HOOD, LISTENED AND FEARED FOR HIM... BUT ROBIN HOOD KNEW OF THE SHERIFF'S PLANS...



DON'T BE SURPRISED, SWEET MARIAN! I HEARD THE BUFFOON'S WORDS AS HE UTTERED THEM! WE WILL BE SAFE ENOUGH!

OH, ROBIN! YOU'LL BE CAUGHT HERE--GO QUICKLY, BUT REMEMBER ME!

WHY DID THE SOLDIERS GATHER! DOES IT MEAN DANGER TO US?

NAY, WILL, IT MEANS SPORT! THEY PLAN TO TRAP US AT OUR COUNCIL PLACE! BUT IT WILL BE A TRAP WITHIN A TRAP!

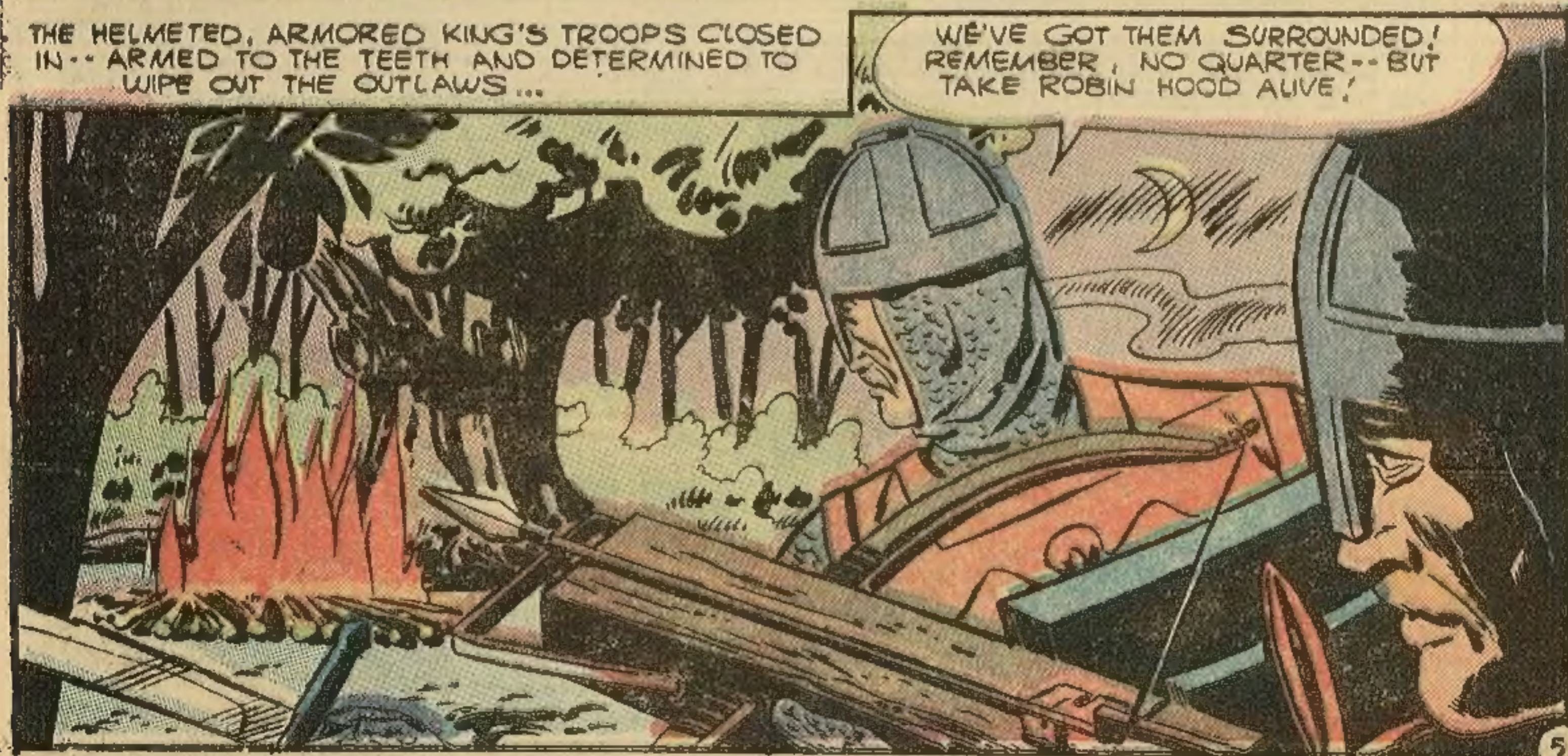


ROBIN HOOD'S HORN SOUNDED ONCE WITHIN THE FOREST... AND THE GREEN CLAD OUTLAWS SLIPPED SILENTLY TO THEIR LEADER'S SIDE...



PUT GREEN WOOD ON THE FIRE TO LEAD THEM TO IT! THEN TAKE TO THE TREES AND BRUSH AND LET THEM BY! AFTER THAT, LISTEN FOR MY SIGN!

THE HELMETED, ARMORED KING'S TROOPS CLOSED IN-- ARMED TO THE TEETH AND DETERMINED TO WIPE OUT THE OUTLAWS...



WE'VE GOT THEM SURROUNDED! REMEMBER, NO QUARTER-- BUT TAKE ROBIN HOOD ALIVE!

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NOW! TEACH THEM TO STAY OUT OF SHERWOOD FOREST!



YOUR TRICKERY WILL DO NO GOOD!

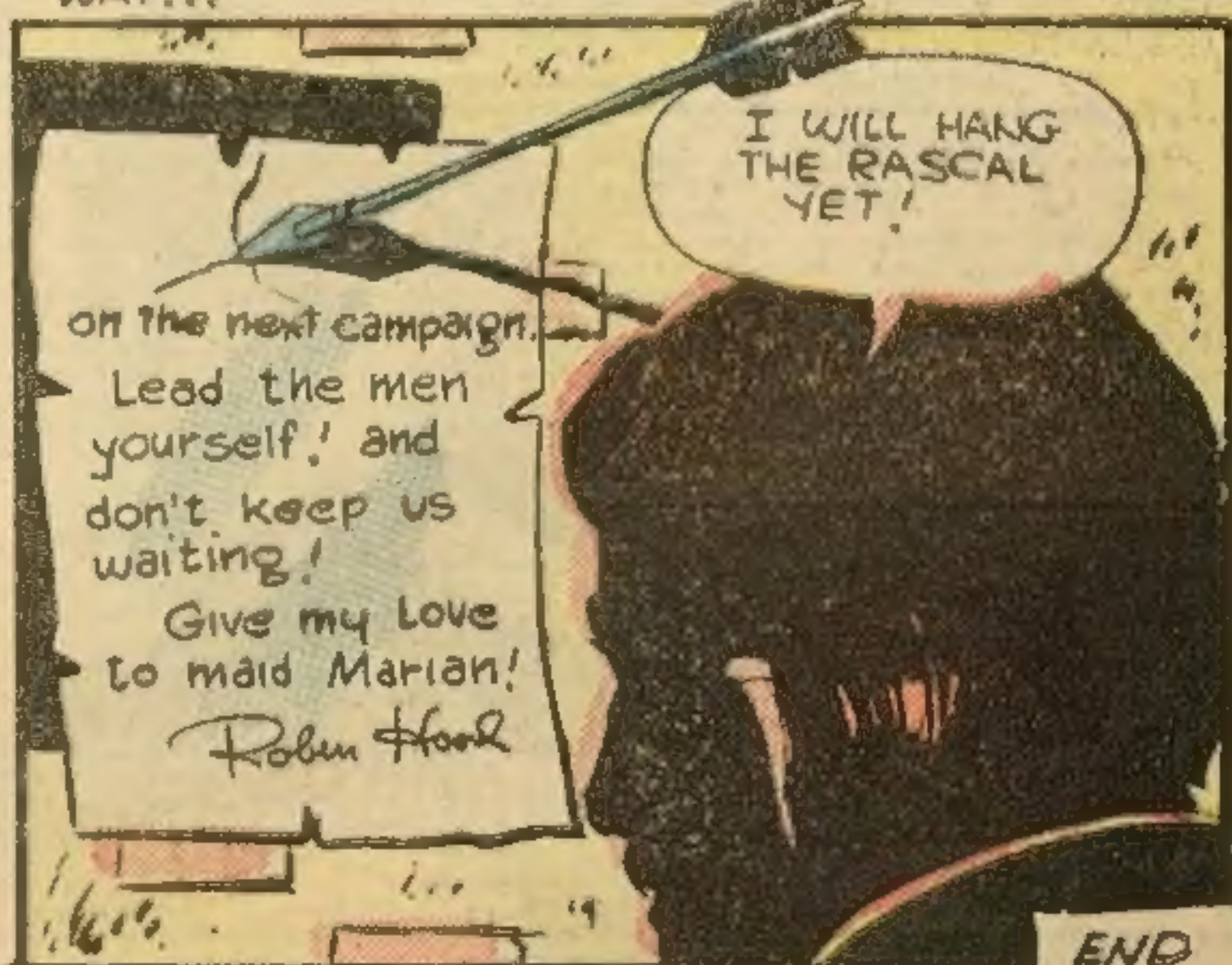
NOR WILL YOUR CLUMSY BROAD-SWORD HELP YOU!



CHASE THEM BACK TO NOTTINGHAM LADS! I'LL TAKE MY REGARDS TO THE SHERIFF PERSONALLY!



THE HUMILIATED LEADER OF THE TROOP REPORTED TO THE ENRAGED SHERIFF AND THE LATTER VOWED VENGEANCE! THEN CAME ROBIN HOOD'S CHALLENGE -- DELIVERED IN HIS OWN WAY...



I WILL HANG THE RASCAL YET!

on the next campaign.
Lead the men yourself! and don't keep us waiting!

Give my love to maid Marian!

Robin Hood

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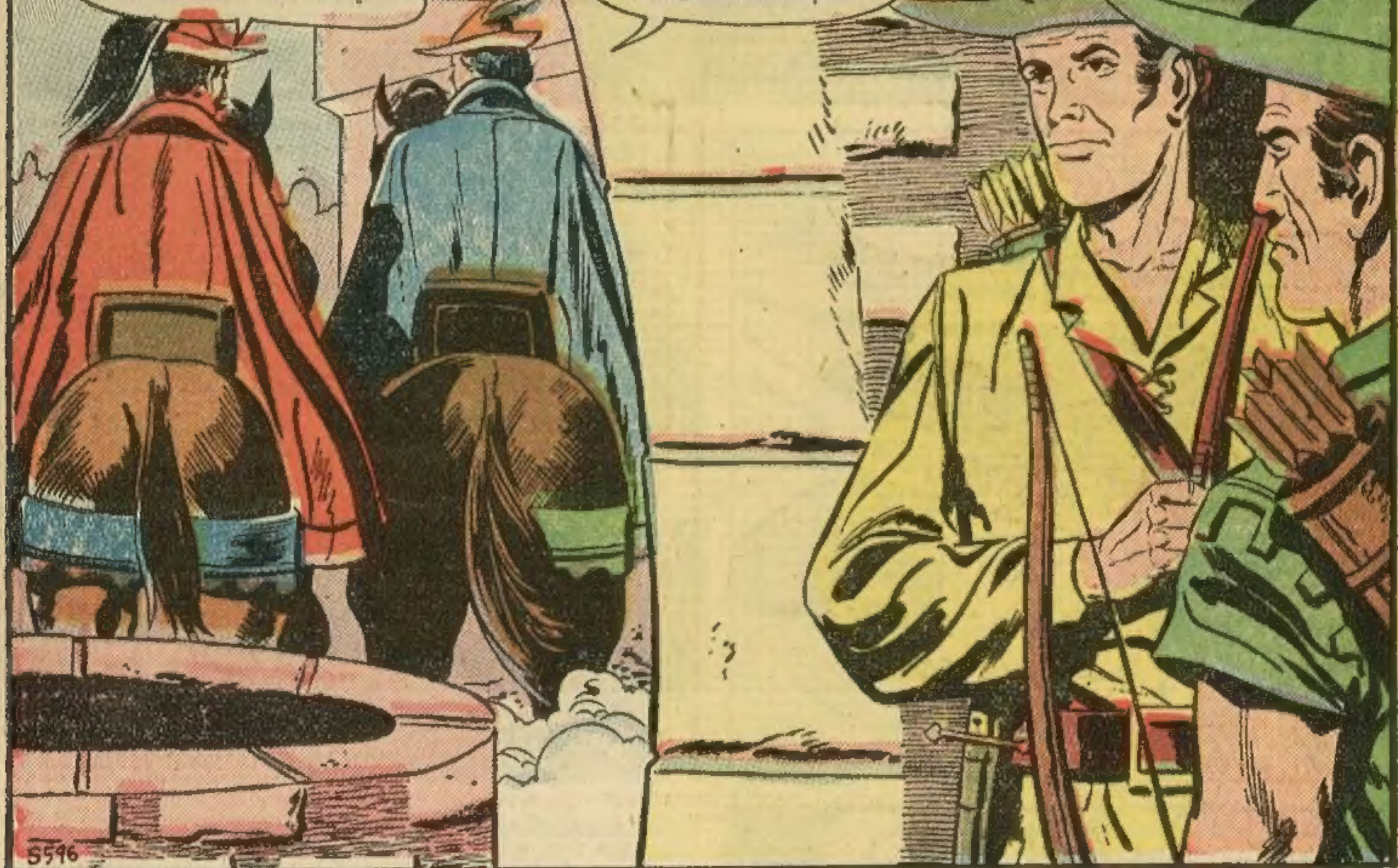
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AFTER THE TOURNAMENT OF BARNESDALE, ROBIN HOOD REMEMBERED THE SWEET SMILE OF THE MAID MARIAM! DESPITE THE DANGER OF THE GALLOWS, HE WAS DETERMINED TO SEE HER ONCE MORE...

YOUR FAMILY WOULD BE DISPLEASED IF THEY SAW YOU SMILE AT ROBIN HOOD! WELL, YOU NEVER WILL SEE HIM AGAIN!

YOU ARE WRONG, MY LORD! SOMEHOW WE WILL MEET AGAIN!

DID YOU HEAR, LITTLE JOHN?



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WITH THE SWEET SOUND OF MARIAN'S VOICE IN HIS EARS, THE CASTLE WALLS NO LONGER SEEMED FORMIDABLE...

EVEN IF WE GET UP THERE, WHAT ABOUT THE GUARDS?

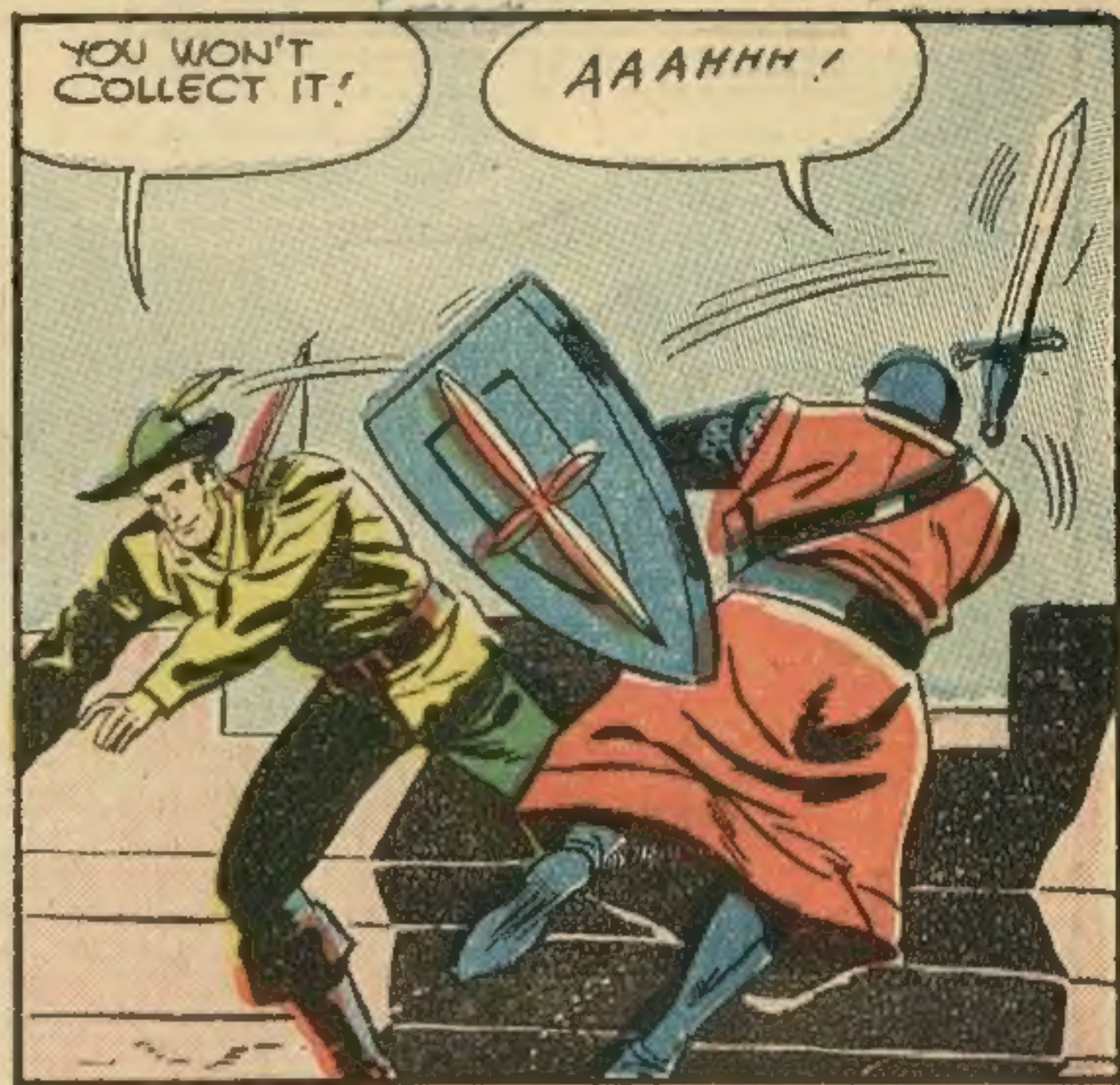
THERE WON'T BE MANY! THEY'RE STILL CHASING US IN THE FOREST!



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YOU'LL BE WORTH A RICH REWARD, VARLET!



YOU WON'T COLLECT IT!

AAAH!!



I HOPE NO ONE HEARD THAT! WHAT NOW, ROBIN?

WE USE THE ROPE TO GET TO THE COURTYARD! AFTER THAT, WE JUST PROWL AROUND UNTIL WE FIND HER!



THE SEARCH WAS SHORT! MAID MARIAN HAD SEEN THEM ON THE CASTLE WALL...

ROBIN--YOU ARE FOOLISH TO COME HERE-- BUT I'M GLAD THAT YOU DID!

I DON'T CARE IF THEY CATCH ME NOW, I AM WELL REWARDED!



SO! THAT SCOUNDREL DID RETURN! BUT HE WON'T ESCAPE! **GUARDS!**



THEY WERE SURROUNDED BEFORE THEY KNEW IT! THE TWO OUTLAWS FOUGHT WELL, BUT WERE SOON OVERPOWERED...

WHAT FOLLY IS THIS, KNAVE? YOU KNOW YOU WILL HANG, OF COURSE!

THAT'S TO BE SEEN! I CAME TO SEE THE MAID MARIAN ONCE MORE!

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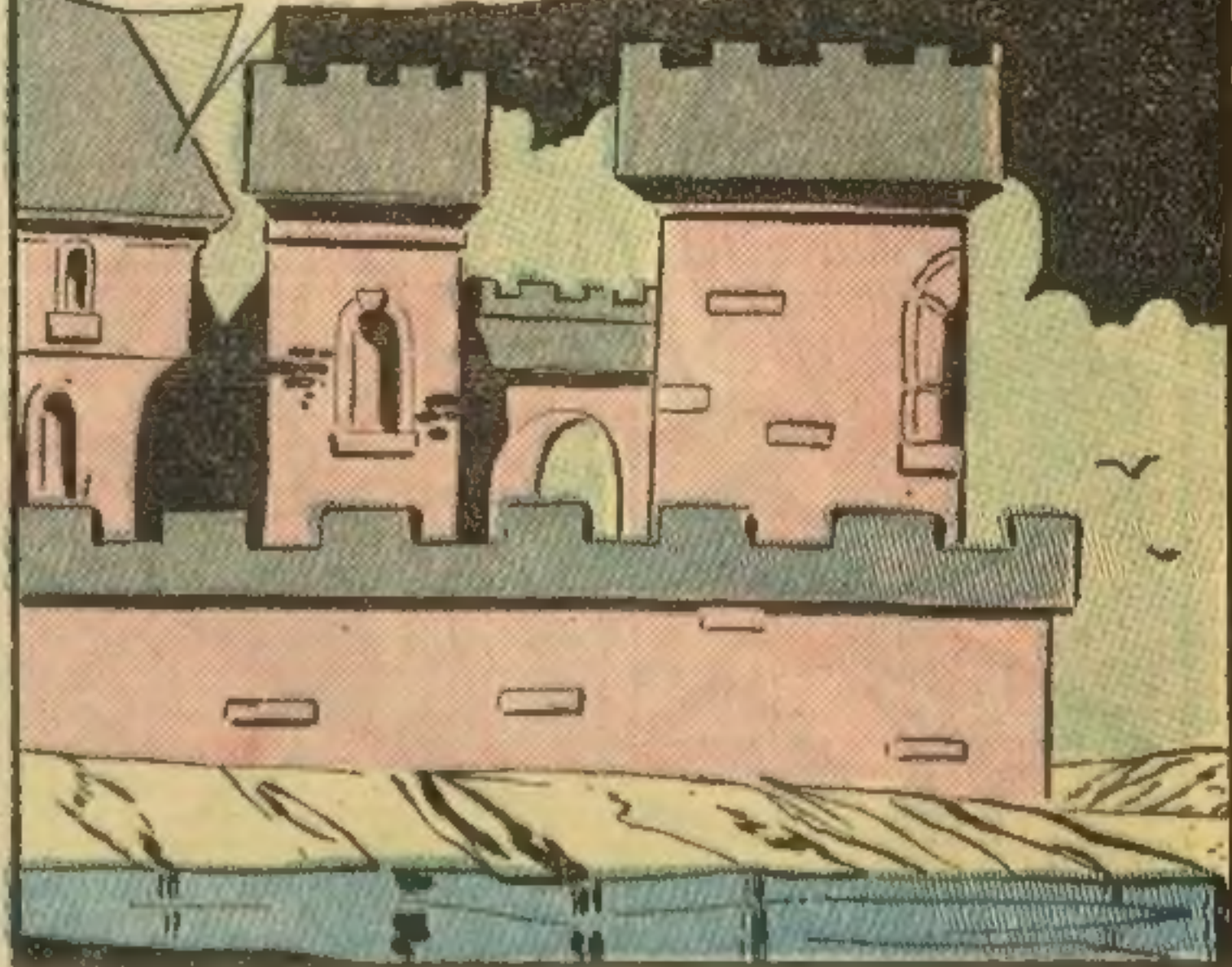
TAKE A LONG LOOK, SCOUNDREL! AND REMEMBER HER FACE FOR YOU DIE TOMORROW!

BE OF STOUT HEART, ROBIN! I WILL PRAY FOR YOUR LIFE TO BE SPARED!



ENOUGH OF THE SILLY PRATTLE! NOW, MILADY, YOU'RE TO BE LOCKED IN YOUR ROOM!

DO NOT DESPAIR, ROBIN!



THE DUNGEON RESERVED FOR THEM WAS DANK AND BARE...

SLEEP WELL, GALLOWS-BAIT!

YOU'D SLEEP FOREVER, COULD I BUT GET MY HANDS ON YOU!!



YOU HEAR HER, JOHN! SHE WILL PRAY FOR OUR LIVES!

THE GALLOWS WAIT AND ALL YOU CAN THINK OF IS A PRETTY SMILE!



THE CASTLE WAS QUIET WHEN THEY HEARD STEPS IN THE STONE PASSAGE! THEN...

HERE'S GOLD FOR YOU IF YOU'LL LET ME SPEAK TO ROBIN HOOD!

ALL RIGHT-- BUT NOT TOO LONG, MILADY!

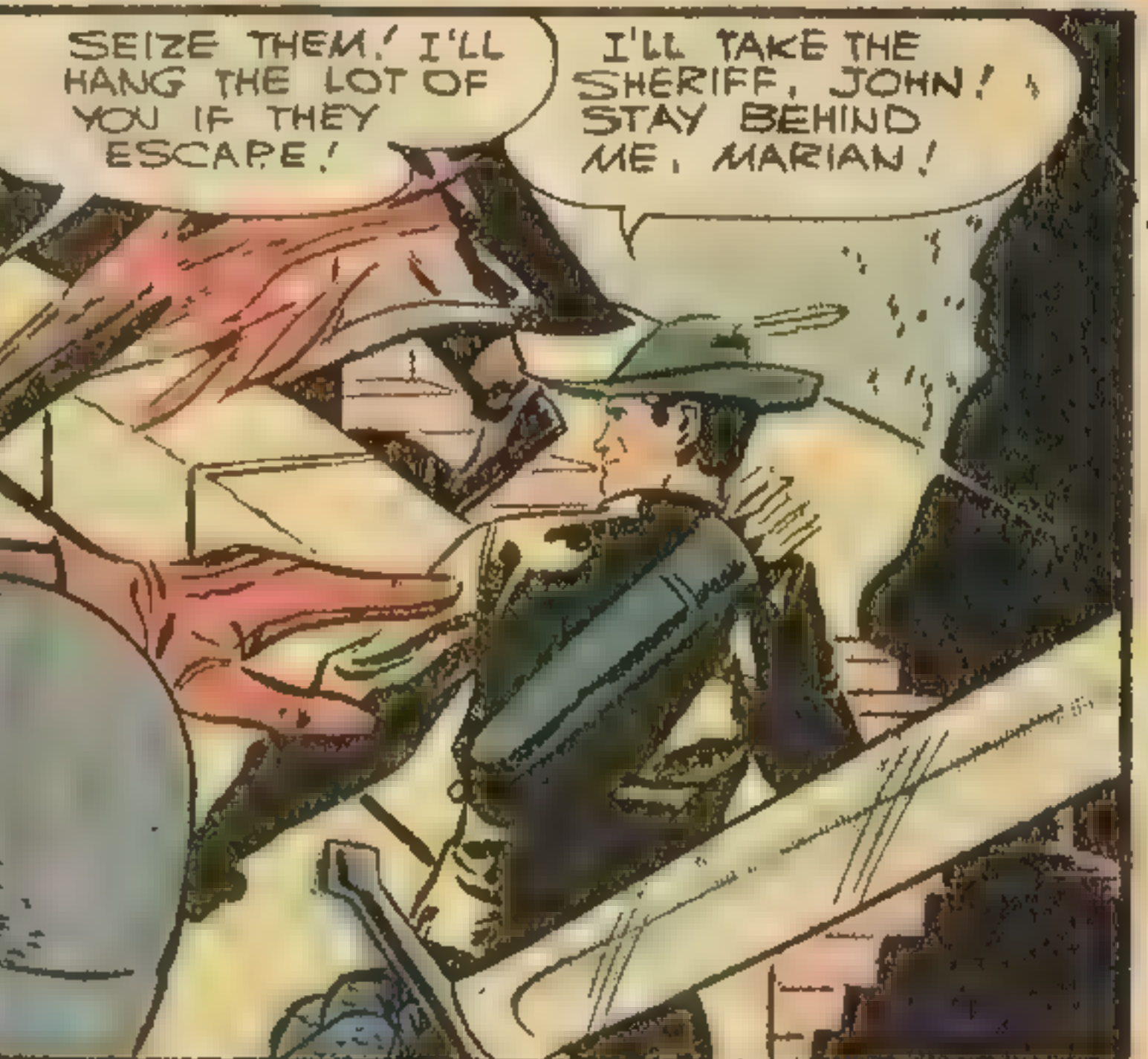
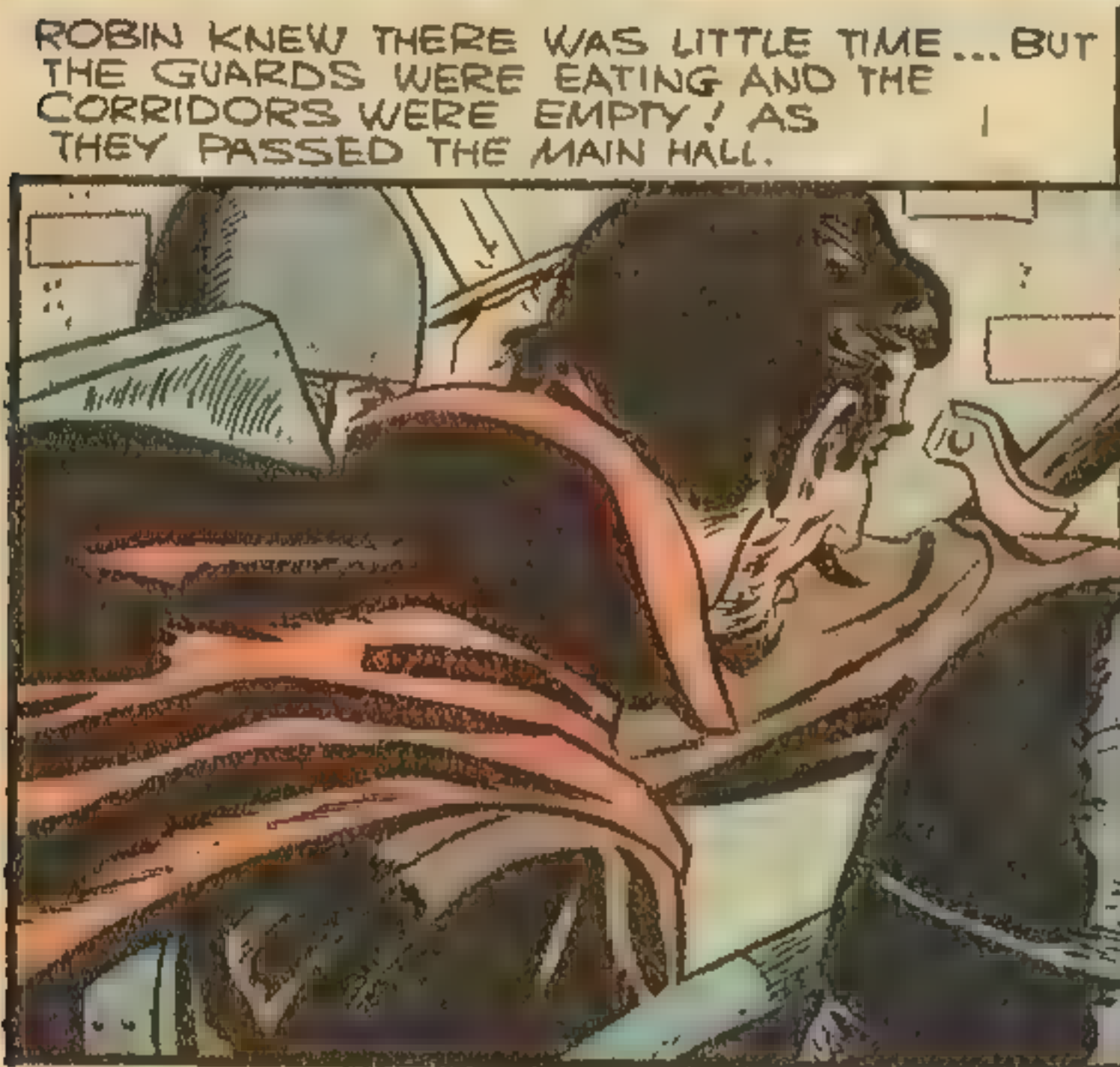
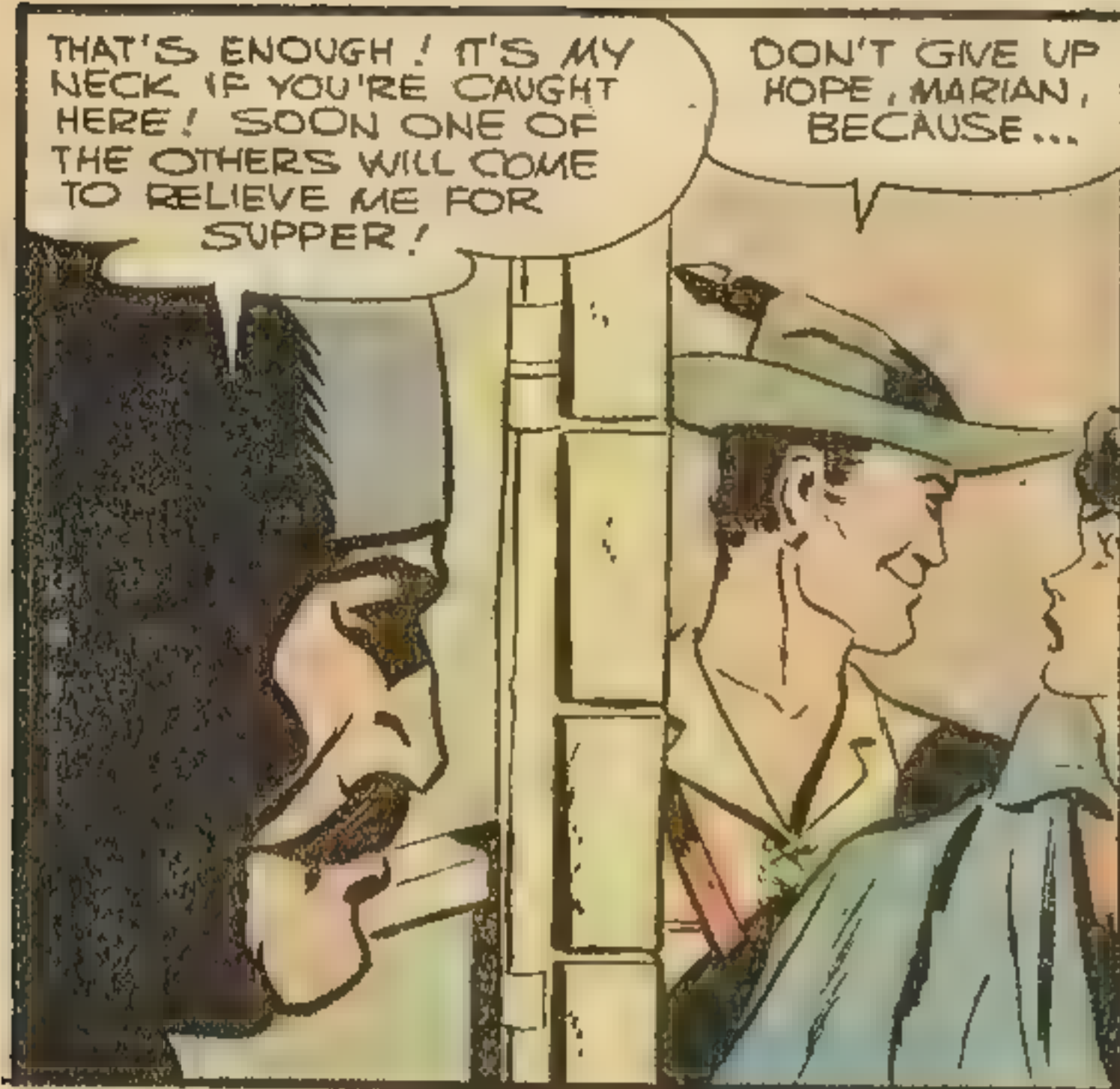


YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME! YOU MIGHT BE CAUGHT, MARIAN!

I DON'T CARE! IT'S YOU I'M WORRIED ABOUT! WHAT CAN WE DO?



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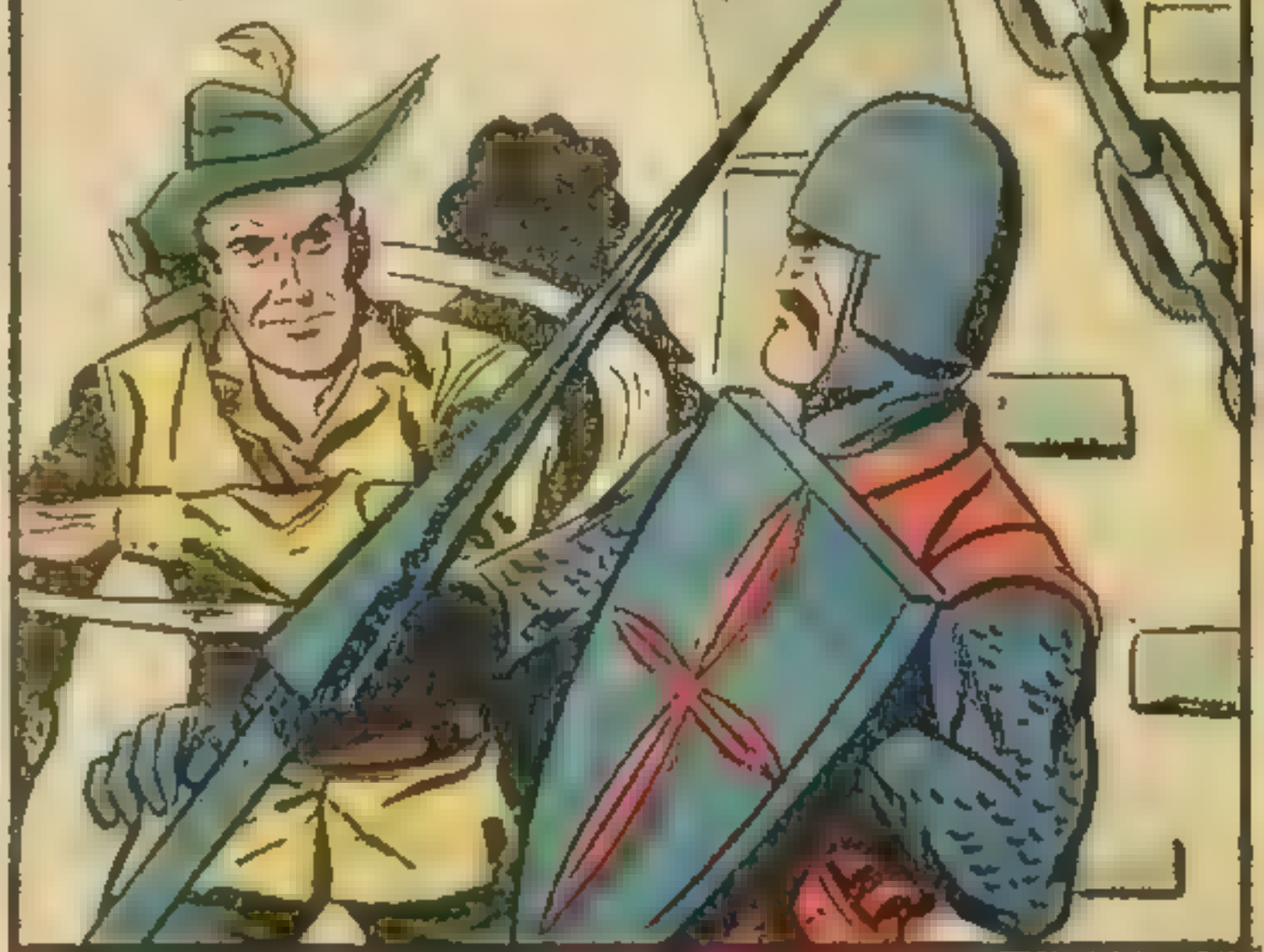
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THIS IS THE SHERIFF! OPEN THE GATES! THE SCOUNDRELS HAVE SCALED THE WALL! OPEN THE GATES!



OUT OF THE WAY, STUPID ONE!

BUT-- I'VE BEEN TRICKED!



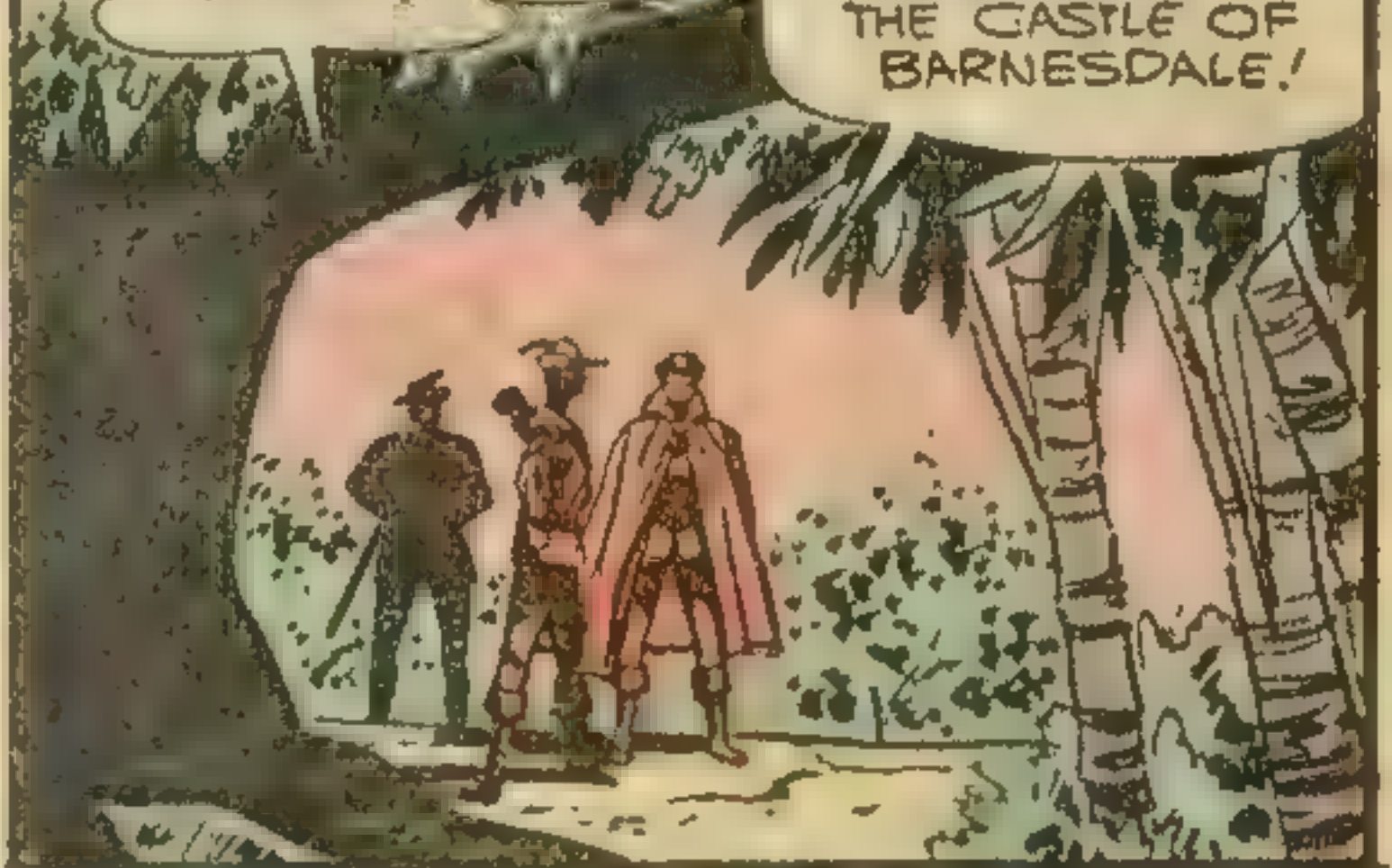
GO ON, ROBIN! I'LL HANDLE THIS LOT!



THE ALARM BELL WAS RUNG -- BUT BEFORE THE PURSUIT WAS ORGANIZED, THEY WERE SAFE IN THE FOREST...

WELL, WE'RE SAFE FOR A WHILE! BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU, MARIAN? YOUR FAMILY WILL WORRY!

YOU WILL TAKE ME THERE, ROBIN! FAR BETTER YOU THAN BEING A PRISONER IN THE CASTLE OF BARNESDALE!



MY FATHER OFTEN SPEAKS OF YOU, ROBIN! PERHAPS HE CAN GET A PARDON FROM THE KING FOR YOU!

NOT LIKELY, MARIAN! BUT I AM CONTENT OR WAS UNTIL WE MET ONCE MORE!



I MUST LEAVE YOU HERE, ROBIN! I RIDE OFTEN -- WE WILL MEET AGAIN!

I'LL HAUNT THE TRAILS LOOKING FOR YOU, MARIAN! GOOD-BYE!



END

"One Less Baron."

Count William Besford, Lord of Shropshire, was a tired and worried man. His thin face was haggard from lack of sleep. He sat on his great chair in the long room of his castle and stared at the three envoys standing before him. The Baron of Kent had sent his messengers with their final warning.

"Our Lord, the Baron of Kent," began Knight Sartell, "has decided to give you but one more week in which to come to a decision. Unless you swear allegiance to him, he will attack your castle and raze it to the ground. His army will lay waste to your estate. To resist him is useless. You yourself have seen with your own eyes the machines he has for hurling heavy stones and iron bolts, his many battering-rams, and the movable towers to enable his soldiers to cross over your walls. He is growing impatient at your delay. We must take back with us your answer."

There was a low sigh from the lips of the Lord of Shropshire. He wished that the king were back again to keep peace in the realm. Yet it was necessary that the king lead, in person, his own forces in the attempt to retake the Holy Land from the Infidels. But on the throne sat a regent who cared nothing at all about the affairs of the kingdom. As for the king's son, Edward, it was said that he was kept in a tower where he passed his time writing poetry and playing the harp. And all the while, the greedy Baron of Kent was extending his power.

"I have assembled my knights," replied Count William Besford, "and they shall all meet here within the space of time it takes the sun to move to beyond the horizon. I must talk with them first. Therefore I request you to retire to the quarters provided for your comfort. After I have talked with my knights I shall give you the answer to carry back to your Lord."

The knights assembled in the great room were well aware of the seriousness of the situation. Knight Howell spoke.

"My Lord, we all are willing to fight for you as we have so sworn. To defend you and your possessions with our lives. The decision

of what to do is one which you yourself must make. We realize the alternatives are not pleasant. If we fight and lose, the lot of your people will be a hard one. If you give in without a fight, the lot of your people will still be a hard one. We could withstand a siege of not more than two months. After that, what?"

There was silence when Knight Howell had finished. Then suddenly a blue arrow came through the narrow side window and landed on the floor. To it was attached a message. Every eye was on that arrow. For all knew it must have been shot from a bow by the mysterious Blue Knight. Who he was, not a soul in the kingdom knew. But he was no outlaw. For they said that on his third right finger he wore the signet ring of the king. And with it all his messages were signed after his name. A page boy lifted the arrow from the floor and handed it to the anxious Lord of Shropshire who read the message. When he finished he raised his hand.

"Hear me, ye brave knights here assembled. This is a message of hope from the Blue Knight. He has said that he and his men will assist us in any fight. And he has told me exactly the words to use when I refuse to bow my knees to the Baron of Kent."

The envoys of the Baron of Kent again stood in the presence of the Lord of Shropshire.

"We know you have come to a wise and sensible decision," remarked Knight Sartell. "Our horses are ready to carry us back with your words. What are they?"

"Tell your Lord," said the Lord of Shropshire with energy and determination, that startled his hearers, "that if the Baron of Kent goes to war, then soon he will be no more, and his followers will sleep forever on the floor. Now out of my sight, you miserable scoundrels. The Blue Knight is coming to help me."

The Lord's household was supported by the cultivation of the vast lands which he owned. Part he reserved to himself for his own use. The balance was allotted to his peasants. In those days farmers did not know how to en-

rich the soil by the use of fertilizers. Nor did they know about the rotation of crops. Part of the land was permitted to remain uncultivated for a year to regain its fertility. One powerfully built peasant took from beneath his leather jacket a blue arrow.

"We meet tonight on the southside of the river facing the great rock. The Blue Knight is sending for his men. Be there."

The moon was not in the sky as the assembled men looked at the leader who had sent for them. Over his face to conceal his identity he wore a blue helmet with a blue feather stuck into it. From his hip hung the powerful sword that he used expertly. Across his shoulder was a long bow and a quiver full of blue arrows. On his third right finger he wore the signet ring of the king.

"The Baron of Kent is on the march to lay waste to these lands," began the Blue Knight. The men who obeyed and listened to this mysterious man of justice all wore blue masks. "He tries to get his way by fear. So by fear we shall destroy him. Courage, determination, and eagerness, to your work which I have assigned to you."

The men with those special names each advanced and raised their bows in salute. Soon they were mounted on speedy horses and were following their leader.

"We shall destroy the stupid Count William Bestford," remarked Knight Sartell to one of his companions as they sat outside one of the large tents that housed the fighting forces of the Baron of Kent. "Nothing can stop us."

At that moment a blue arrow came through the air and landed at the feet of the startled knight. To the arrow was attached a short message which read: "Had this been aimed for your head, then you would have been dead."

A thoroughly frightened Knight Sartell showed the message to the Baron of Kent. The heavy set warrior, determined to win at all costs, was not pleased by this event.

"Nothing shall stop me. What kind of child's play is this?"

As though in answer to that question, another arrow came through the air and landed at the feet of the startled baron. He too read a message attached to a blue arrow.

"It may be thy last Breath, Thou can be stopped by Death."

The hand in which he held the message trembled. For the Baron of Kent well realized

that the arrow could have reached his heart.

"A hundred pounds in gold," he shouted at the top of his voice, "to the man who finds me the Blue Knight. He must be somewhere in the vicinity."

The search was to no avail. However the onward march of the forces and heavy war weapons continued. Three days later the army stopped for the evening rest. A heavy mist lay over the land. It was at midnight that the stampede of horses could be heard. The soldiers were aroused from their heavy sleep. Knight Sartell told the sad news.

"I know not how it was accomplished. The horses had all been tied to stakes set in the ground. But they are all now missing. We can't move our weapons of war. Nor will the armored knights be able to travel without their horses."

The Baron of Kent was beside himself with rage. He should have realized how frightened his foot soldiers were.

"I will go ahead with my foot soldiers. You return to my castle and get more horses."

The next day the long line of scared foot soldiers could be seen approaching the forest through which they would have to march. And they stopped when they saw tall blue arrows in the ground.

"It is witchcraft, I tell you," said one foot soldier to another. "If we go through this forest the Blue Knight will vanquish all of us."

There was no sleep that night as the imitation owl hoots kept them all awake. And so it went for the next two evenings. The foot soldiers were completely exhausted. At noon a hail of blue arrows started to close in on them and they fled in panic. The Baron of Kent waved his sword in the air.

"Where is the accursed Blue Knight?" he demanded. "Let him come and fight me like a human being."

As though from nowhere appeared the mysterious Blue Knight with sword in hand. It was a combat to the finish between a scared man and a calm man.

There was peace in the realm of the Lord of Shropshire. And Prince Edward was still writing poetry.

"Listen to this," he told his trusted tutor, "there was nothing for the baron to save and now he is in a lonely grave."

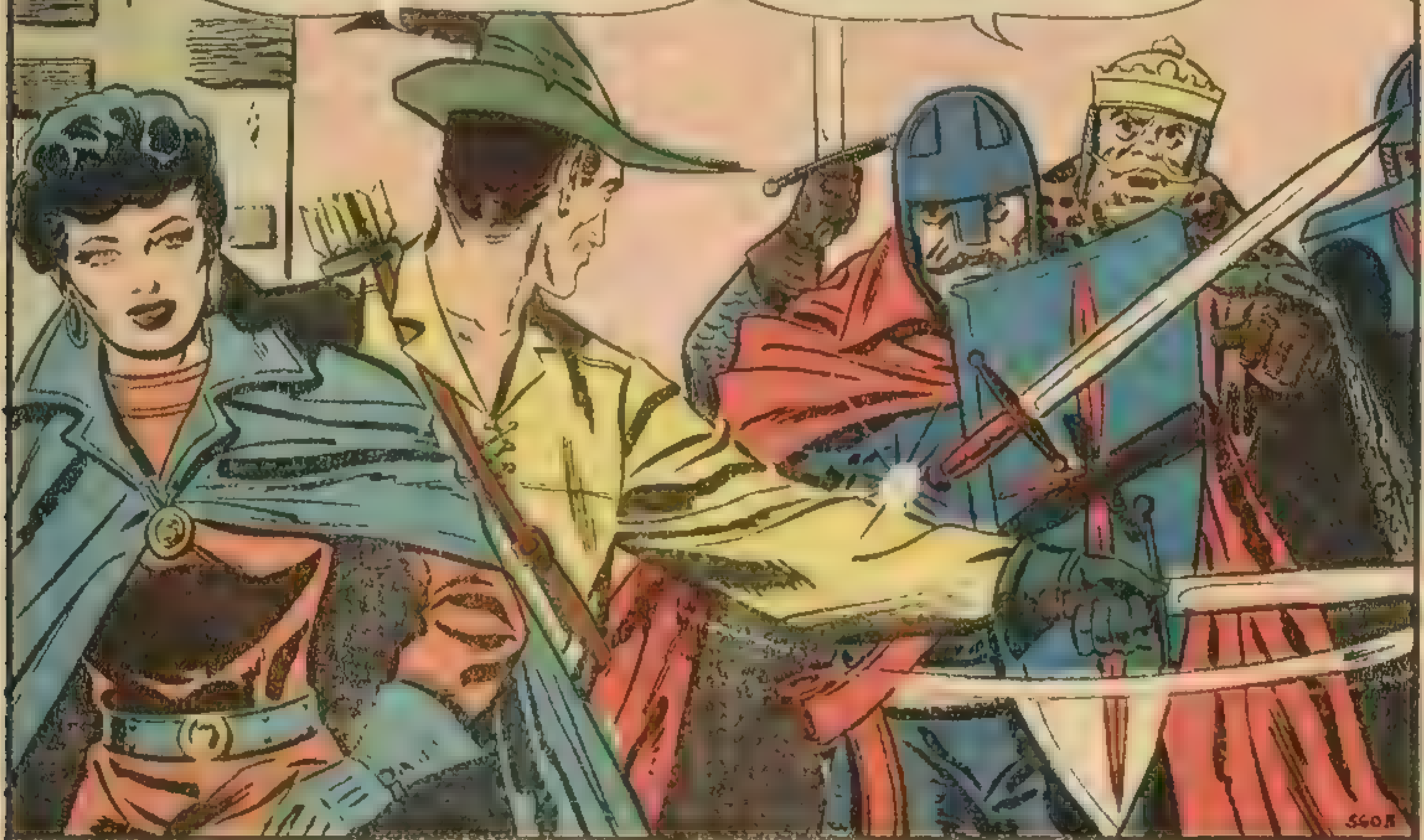
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IN PRINCE JOHN'S REVENGE

WHEN KING RICHARD LEFT FOR THE FAR EAST LEADING HIS CRUSADERS, HIS BROTHER, PRINCE JOHN, TOOK OVER. TAXES WERE RAISED, ESTATES WERE SEIZED... BUT ROBIN HOOD, SAFE IN SHERWOOD FOREST, WASN'T AFFECTED UNTIL HE VISITED HIS BELOVED, MAID MARIAN AT HER FATHER'S CASTLE...

RUN, MARIAN! THESE DOGS ARE NO RESPECTERS OF PROPERTY OR WOMANHOOD!

RUN HIM THROUGH! A HUNDRED POUNDS TO THE MAN WHO SLAYS THE OUTLAW!



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THE OUTLAW LEADER HAD EVERYTHING IN SHERWOOD FOREST... EVERYTHING BUT THE CHANCE TO SEE THE GIRL HE LOVED... BUT HUNTINGFORD CASTLE WASN'T A GREAT DISTANCE AWAY...

MARIAN, I HOPED YOU'D BE RIDING TODAY!

AND I HOPED YOU'D BE LOOKING FOR ME! OH, ROBIN, IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU!



FATHER WORRIED ABOUT ME RIDING TODAY! PRINCE JOHN'S BUTCHERS ARE IN THE REGION!

HE'S RIGHT TO WORRY! SINCE KING RICHARD LEFT US-- THE REGENT'S MEN ARE WORSE THAN WHAT THEY CALL US-- OUTLAWS!

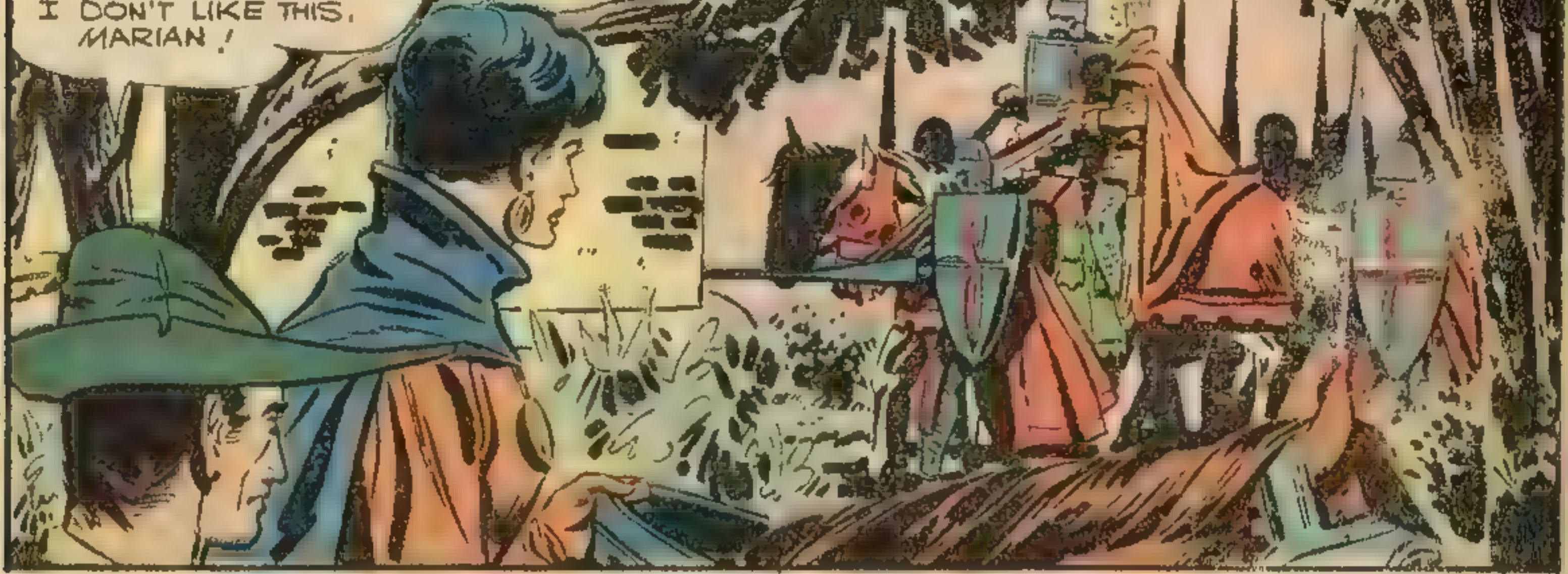


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AFTER THEIR MEETING, ROBIN HOOD ESCORTED FAIR MAID MARIAN BACK TO HER FATHER'S CASTLE -- ONLY TO FIND A NEW TENANT HAD MOVED IN...

I DON'T EITHER, ROBIN! HE WOULDN'T HAVE THAT MANY MEN IF HE WERE JUST CALLING ON FATHER! I MUST GO TO HIM.

THERE'S PRINCE JOHN!
I DON'T LIKE THIS,
MARIAN!



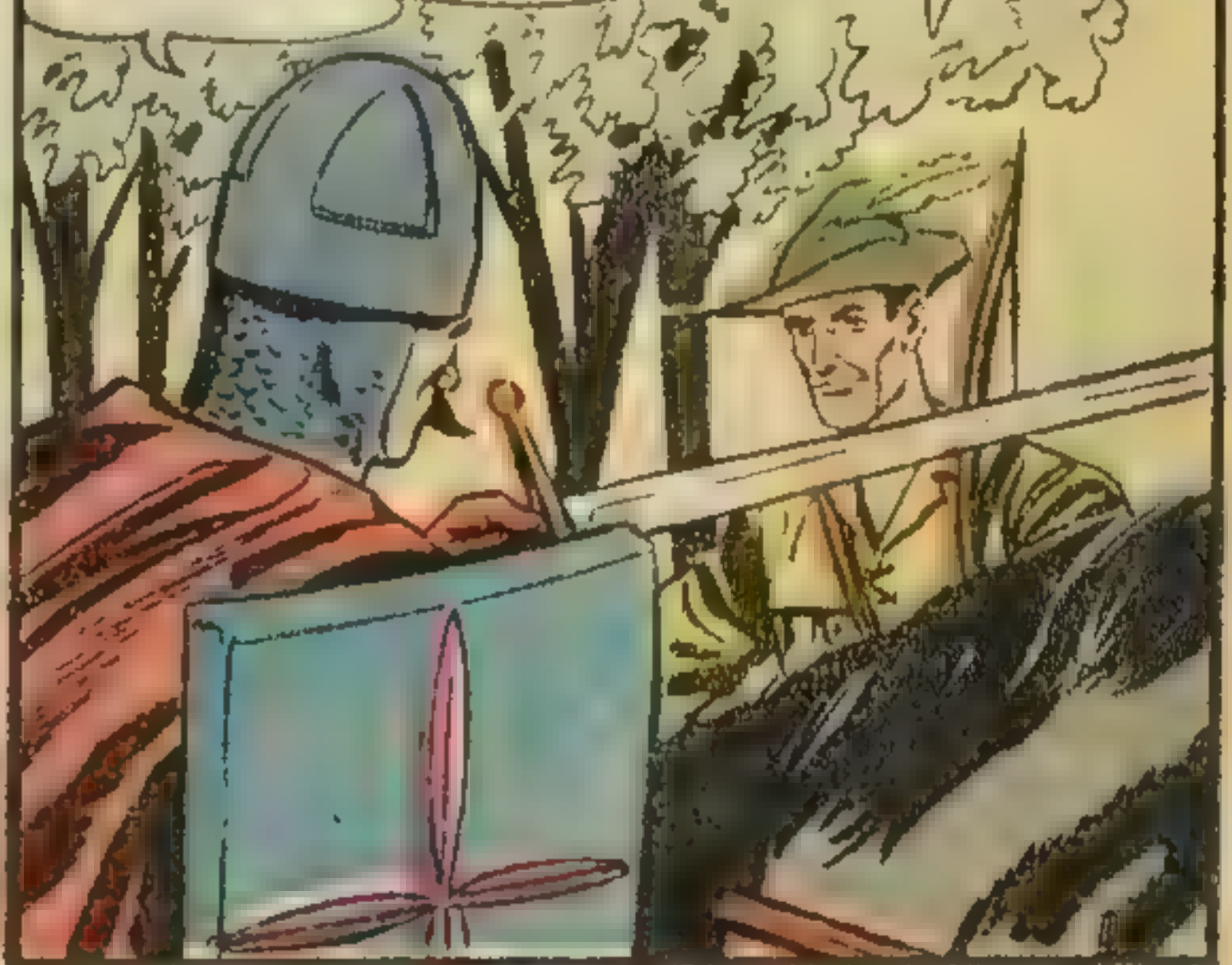
MY FATHER--
WHAT HAVE
YOU DONE
TO HIM?

QUIET, WENCH! YOUR
TRAITOROUS FATHER IS
SECURE IN THE
TOWER!



HOLD, KNAVE! THE PRINCE
ORDERED US TO TAKE
ALL SKULKERS
CAPTIVE!

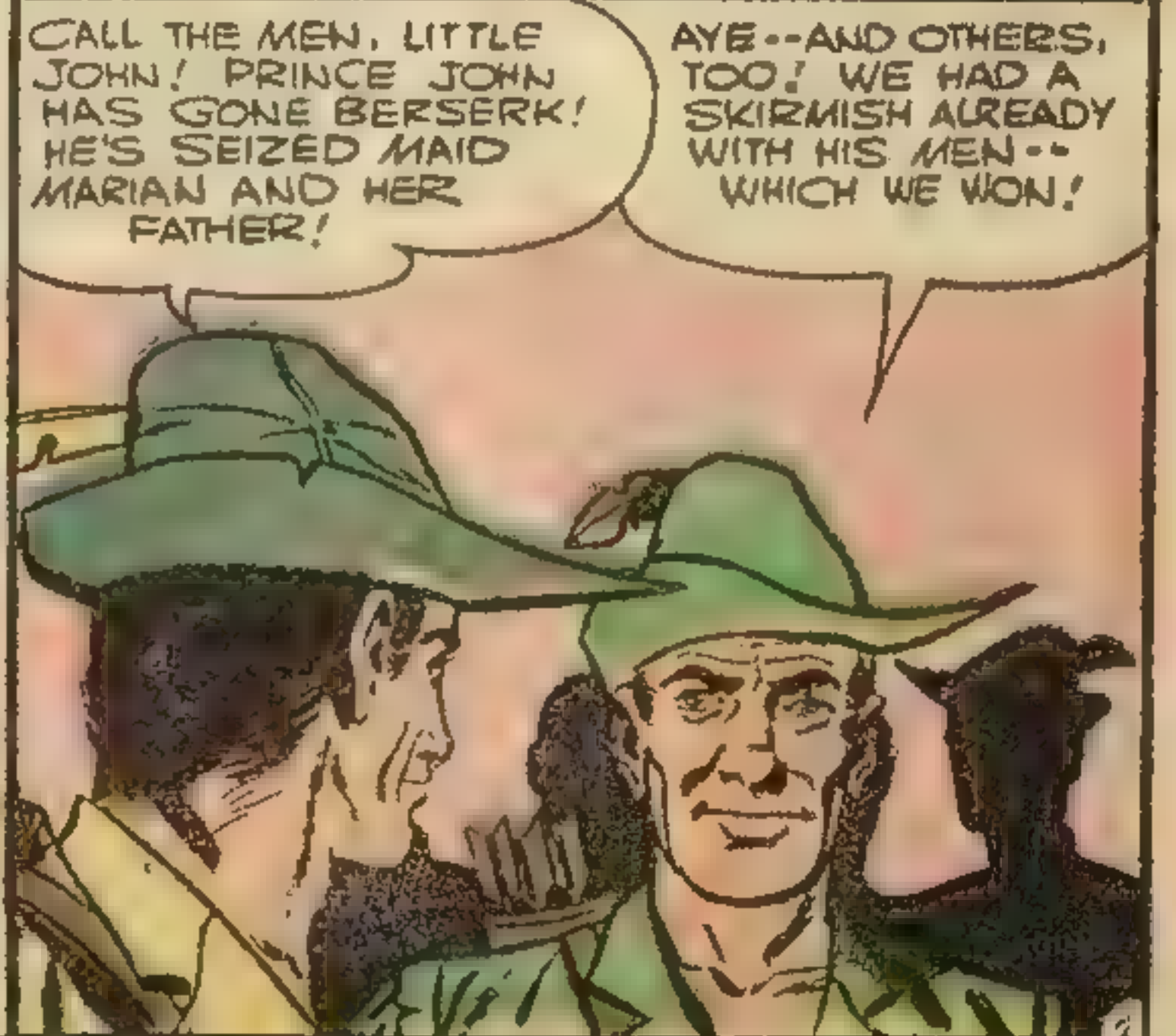
NOT THIS ONE
LOUT!



LATER, IN SHERWOOD FOREST...

CALL THE MEN, LITTLE
JOHN! PRINCE JOHN
HAS GONE BERSERK!
HE'S SEIZED MAID
MARIAN AND HER
FATHER!

AYE--AND OTHERS,
TOO! WE HAD A
SKIRMISH ALREADY
WITH HIS MEN--
WHICH WE WON!



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HIS MEN WEAR ARMOR AND HAVE A CASTLE WALL TO PROTECT THEM! HOW CAN WE HOPE TO BEAT THEM?

COURAGE, LITTLE JOHN! THEY'LL BE OVERFED AND SLEEPY WHEN WE GET THERE! A HUNGRY WOLF FIGHTS BETTER THAN ONE SATIATED WITH FOOD AND DRINK!



IT WAS AFTER THE NOON MEAL WHEN ROBIN HOOD'S BAND CREPT TO THE EDGE OF THE WOODS. ONLY A FEW MEN WERE ON GUARD...

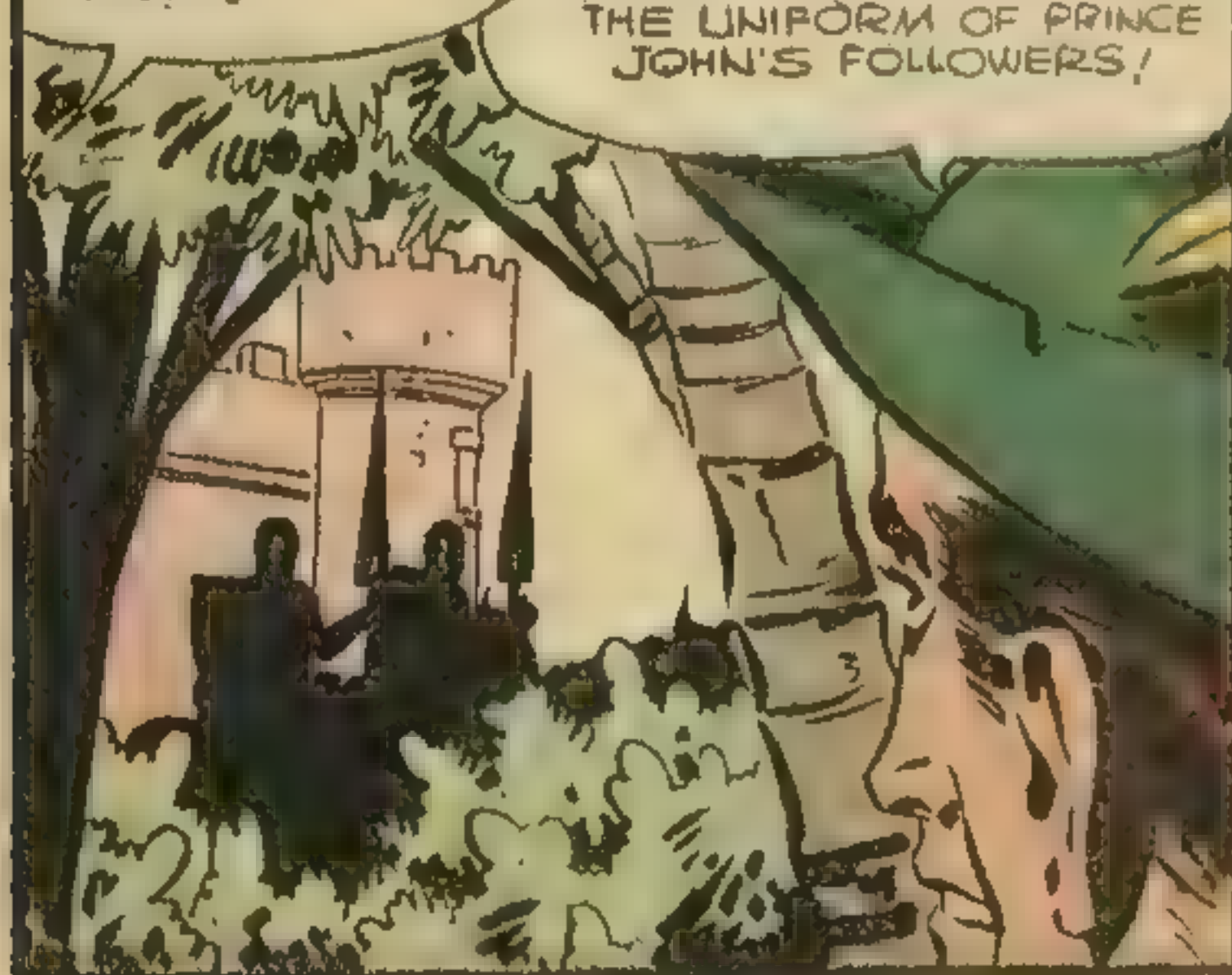
THEY'RE EASY TARGETS, ROBIN! WE CAN GET 'EM ONE AT A TI...

NAY, JOHN! REMEMBER MARIAN AND HER FATHER ARE PRISONERS!

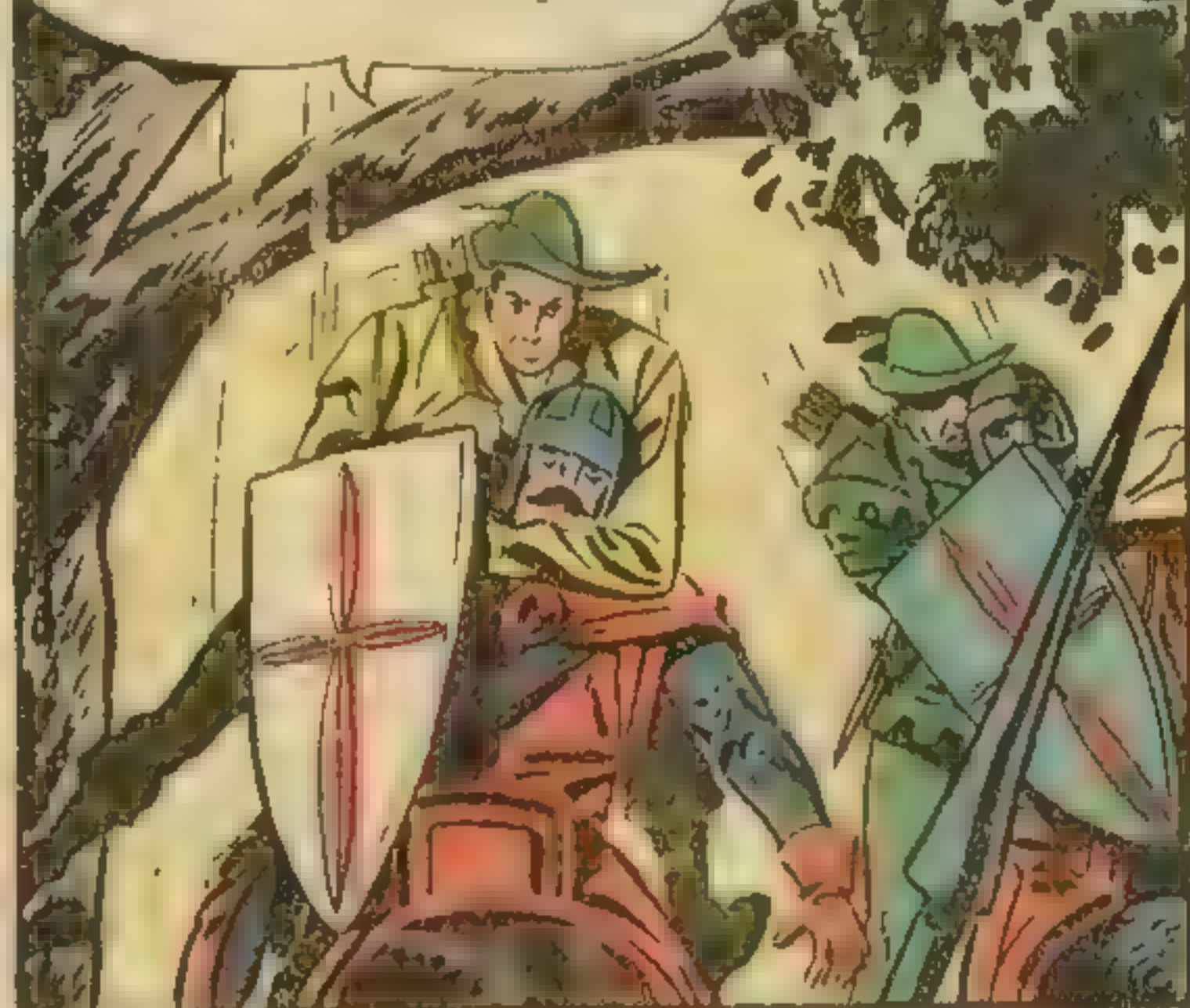


THEN HOW DO WE RETAKE THE CASTLE IF WE DON'T FIGHT?

THERE ARE WAYS.. AND PERHAPS I SEE ONE! COME, JOHN! YOU AND I ARE ABOUT TO DON THE UNIFORM OF PRINCE JOHN'S FOLLOWERS!

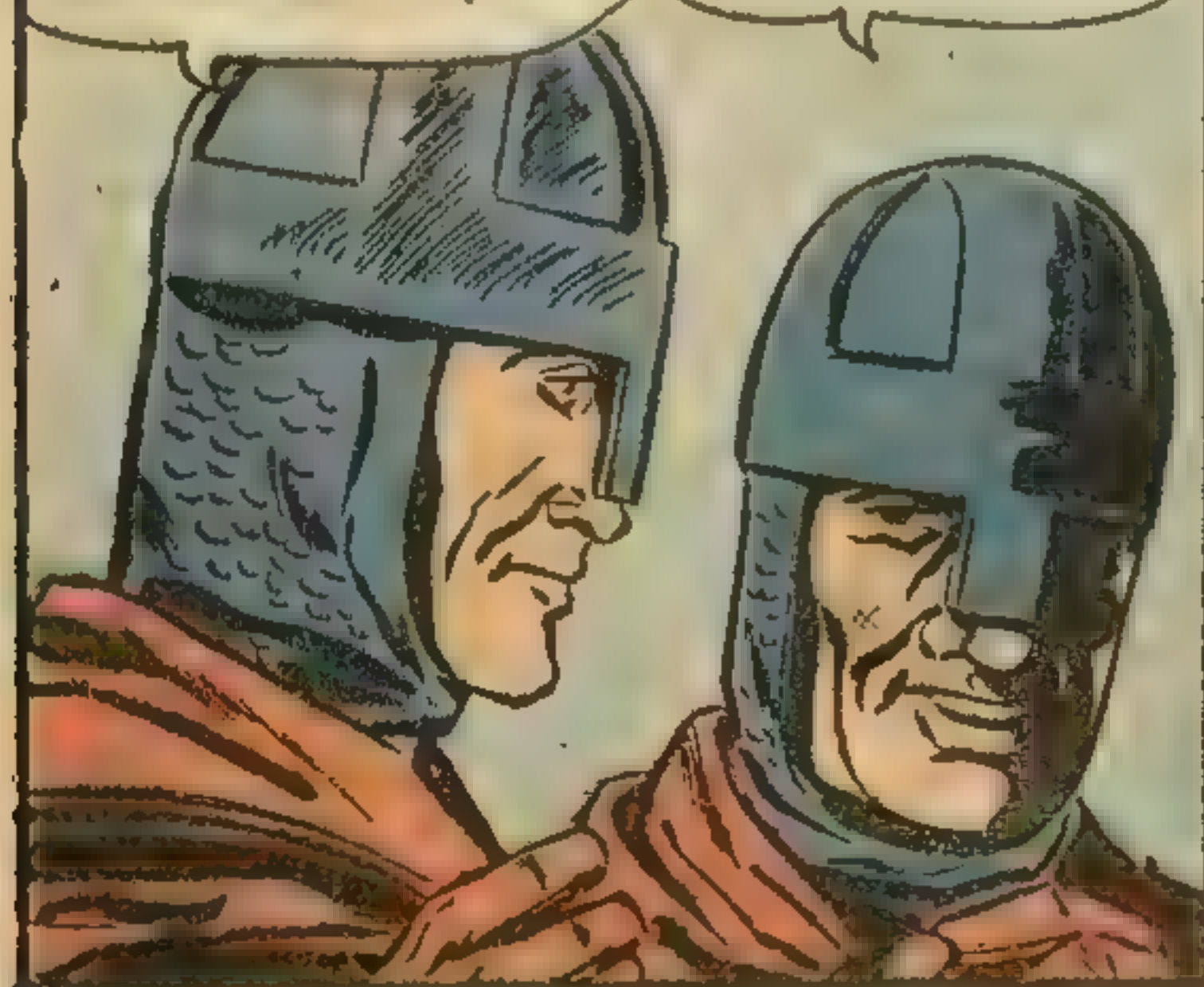


QUICKLY, NOW.. BEFORE THEY CALL OUT!



HURRY, JOHN! ONCE WE GET IN THE GATES, OUR LADS WON'T BE FAR BEHIND!

THEY'D BETTER BE PROMPT OR IT'S OUR NECKS!

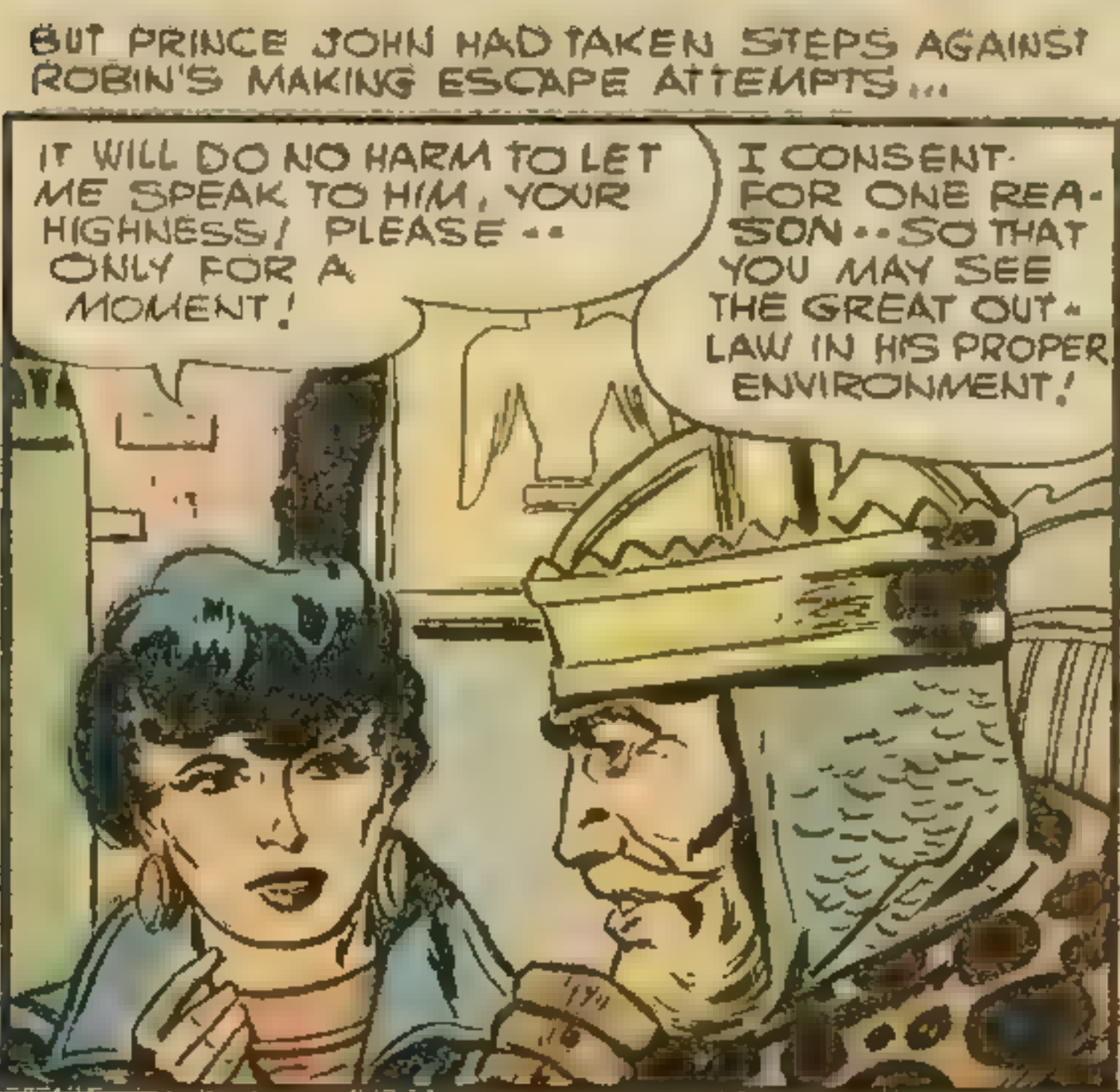
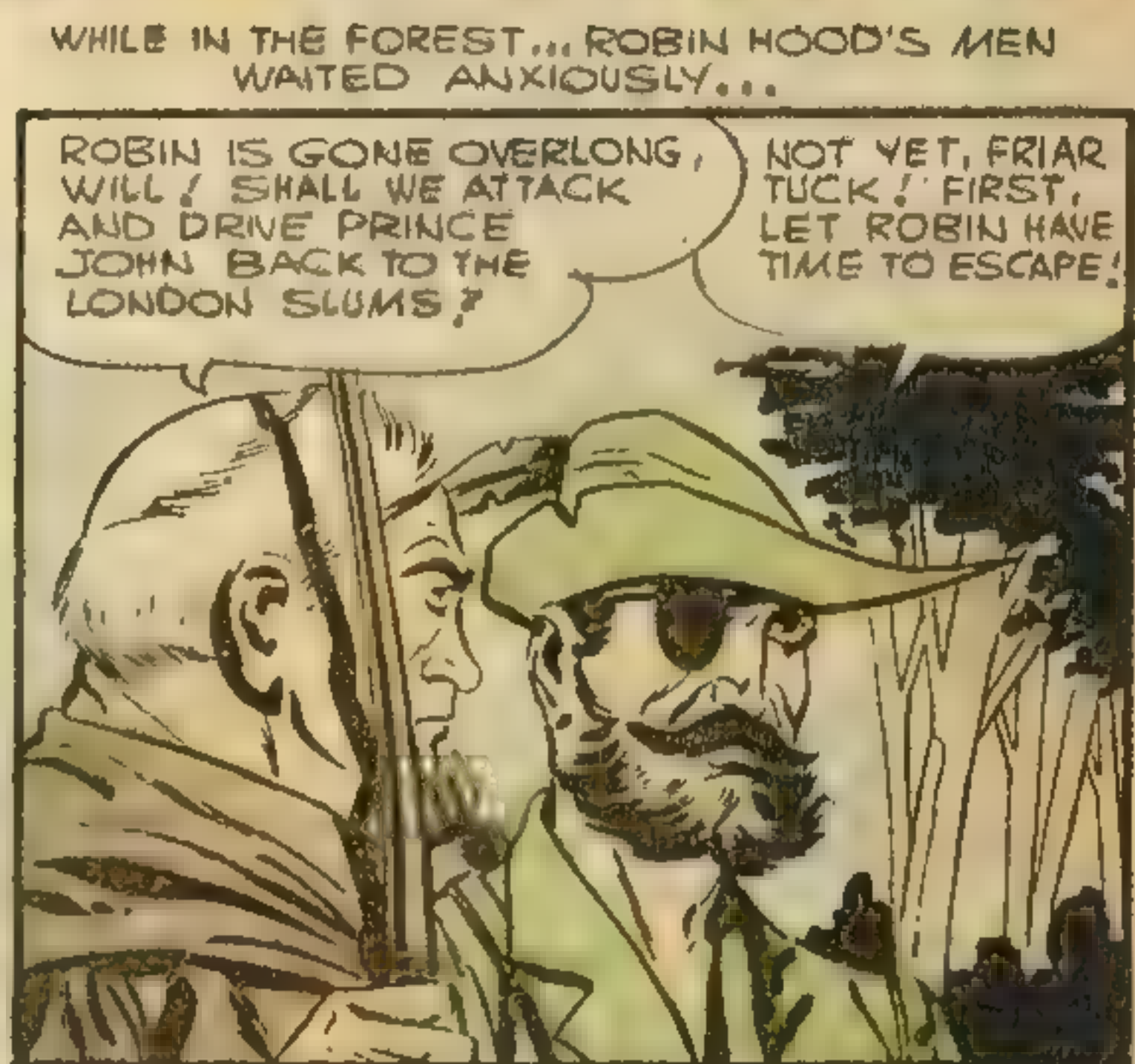
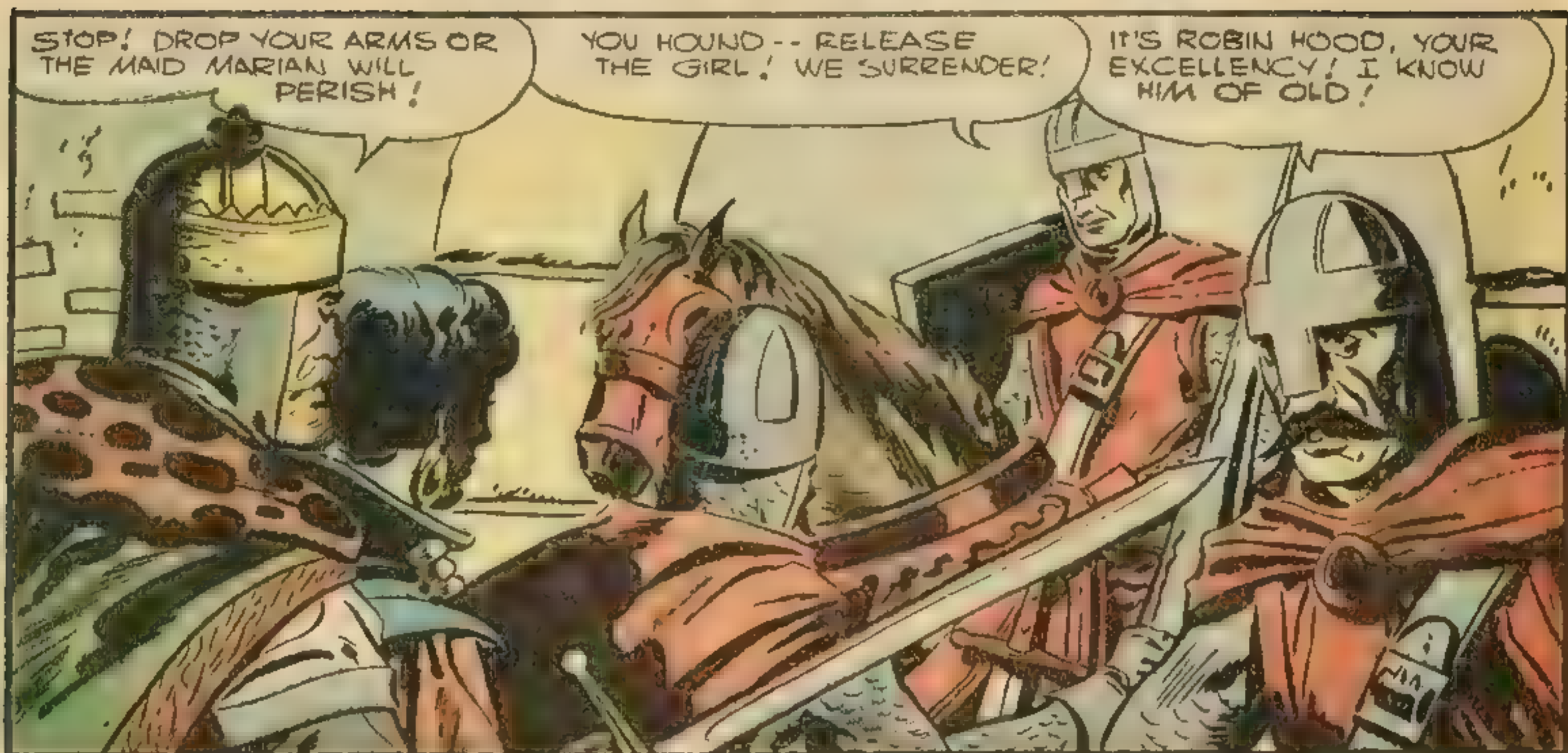


THE UNSUSPECTED FOLLOWERS OF PRINCE JOHN SWUNG THE GATES OPEN WHEN ROBIN HOOD AND LITTLE JOHN APPROACHED! THEN...

WAIT, CAPTAIN! THESE MEN ARE...



ROBIN HOOD & HIS MERRY MEN

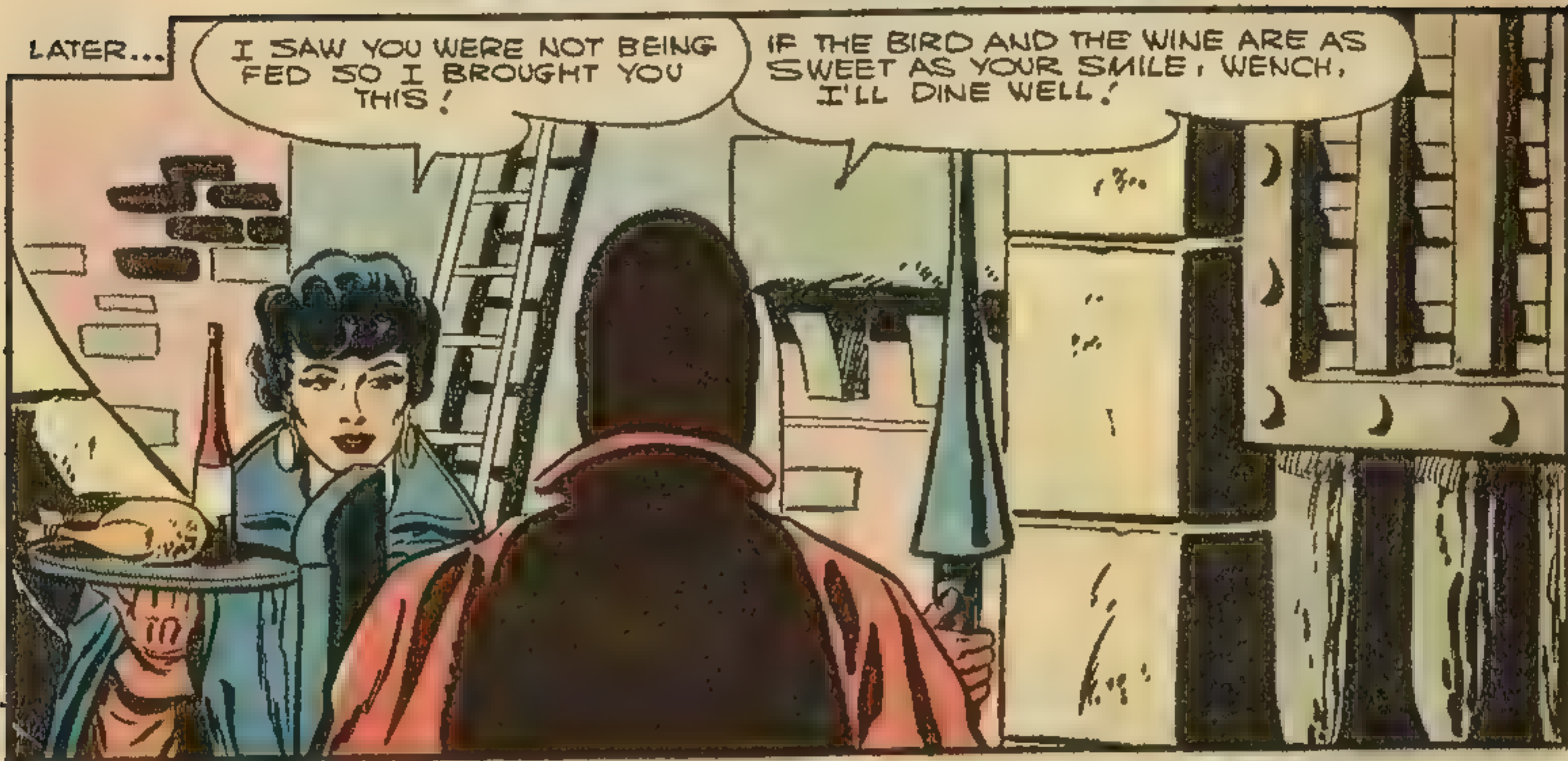


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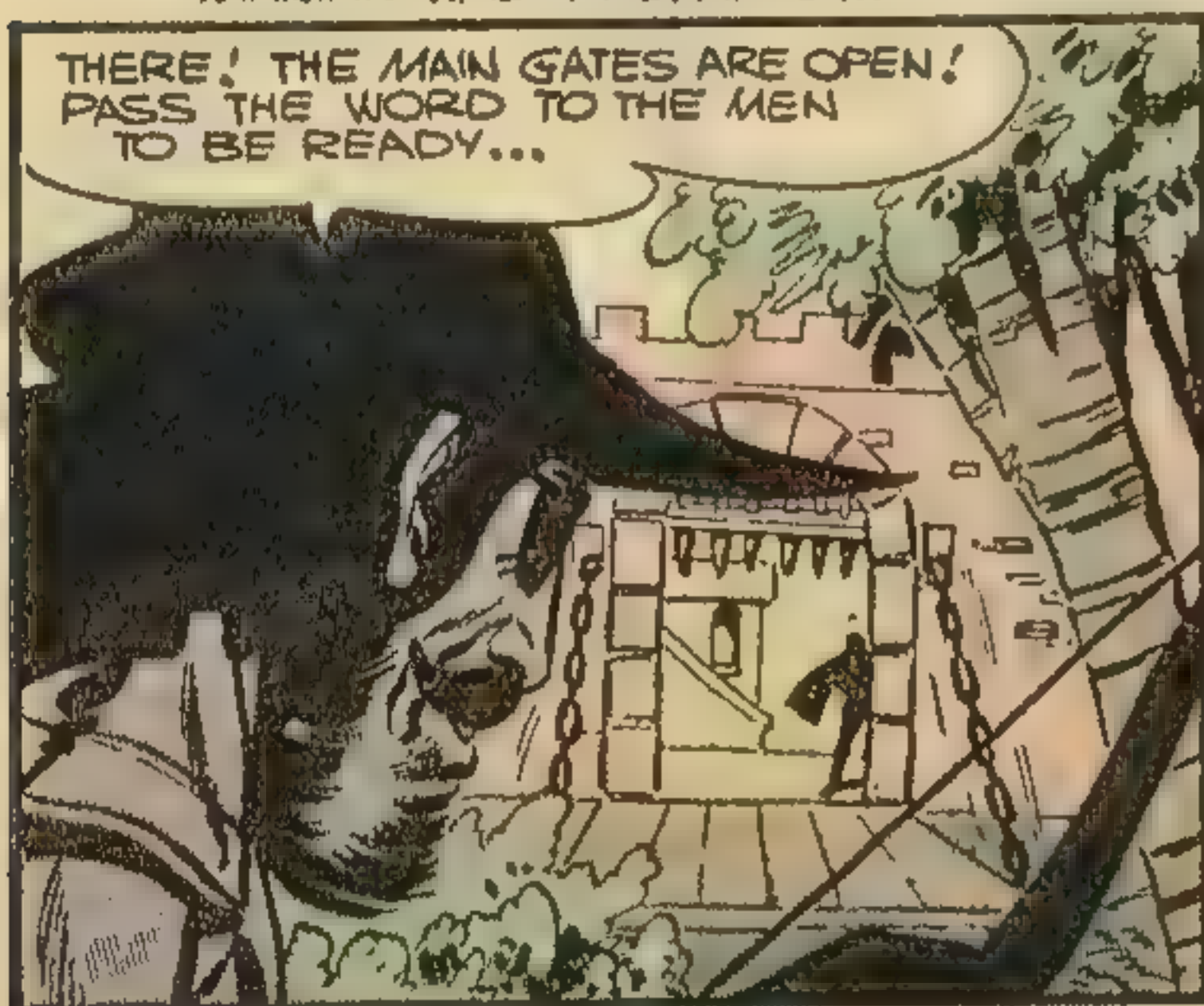
I SAW YOU WERE NOT BEING FED SO I BROUGHT YOU THIS!

IF THE BIRD AND THE WINE ARE AS SWEET AS YOUR SMILE, WENCH, I'LL DINE WELL!



THE WINE WAS SWEET... SWEET ENOUGH TO HIDE THE TASTE OF THE SLEEPING POTION THE MAID MARIAN HAD PREPARED...

THERE! THE MAIN GATES ARE OPEN! PASS THE WORD TO THE MEN TO BE READY...



THEY ATTACK! IT'S THE OUTLAWS OF SHERWOOD FOREST!

COME ON, ROGUES!



OUR LADS WILL HANDLE THIS RABBLE! WHERE IS ROBIN?

FOLLOW ME, QUICKLY!



ROBIN HOOD & HIS MERRY MEN

THE KEY! RESIST
AND DIE!

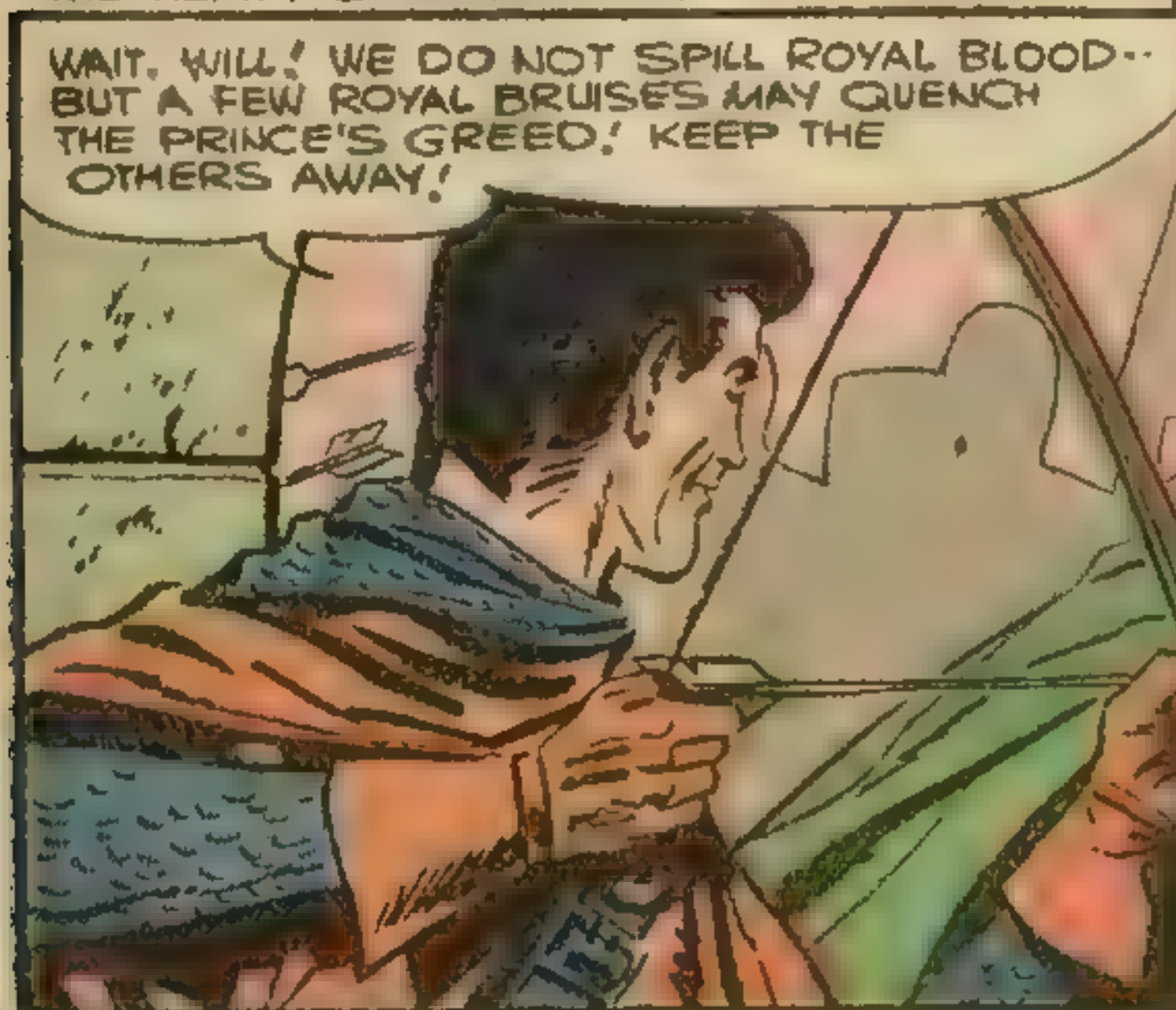


OPEN THE DOOR, WILL! I'LL
HOLD THIS VARLET OR HE'LL LOSE
HIS HEAD! QUICK--I HEAR
OTHERS COMING!



IT TOOK ONLY BRIEF SECONDS TO OPEN
THE HEAVY DOOR BUT...

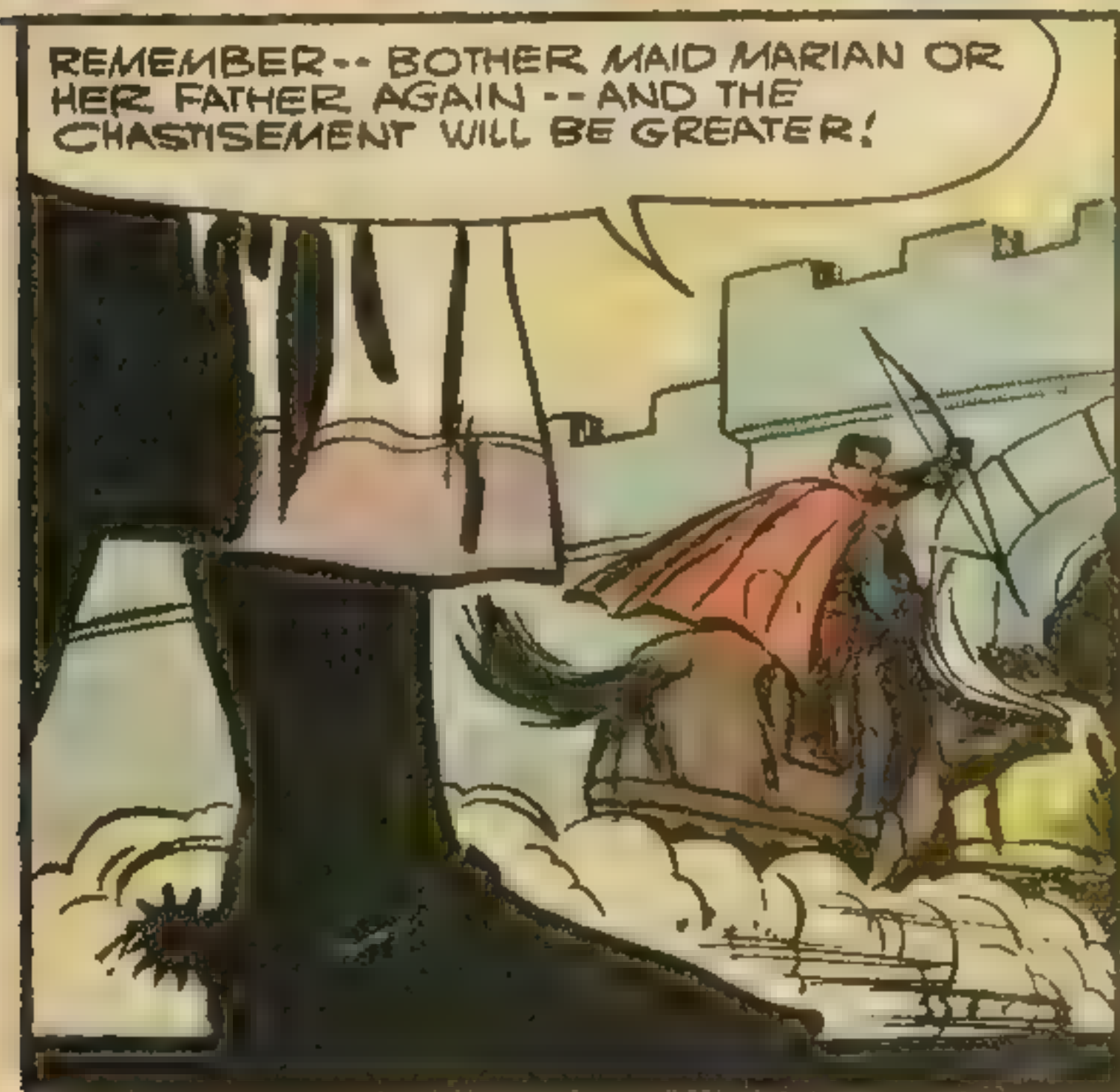
WAIT, WILL! WE DO NOT SPILL ROYAL BLOOD--
BUT A FEW ROYAL BRUISES MAY QUENCH
THE PRINCE'S GREED! KEEP THE
OTHERS AWAY!



THE FIRST TO MOVE WILL BE THE FIRST
TO FEEL THE ARROW!

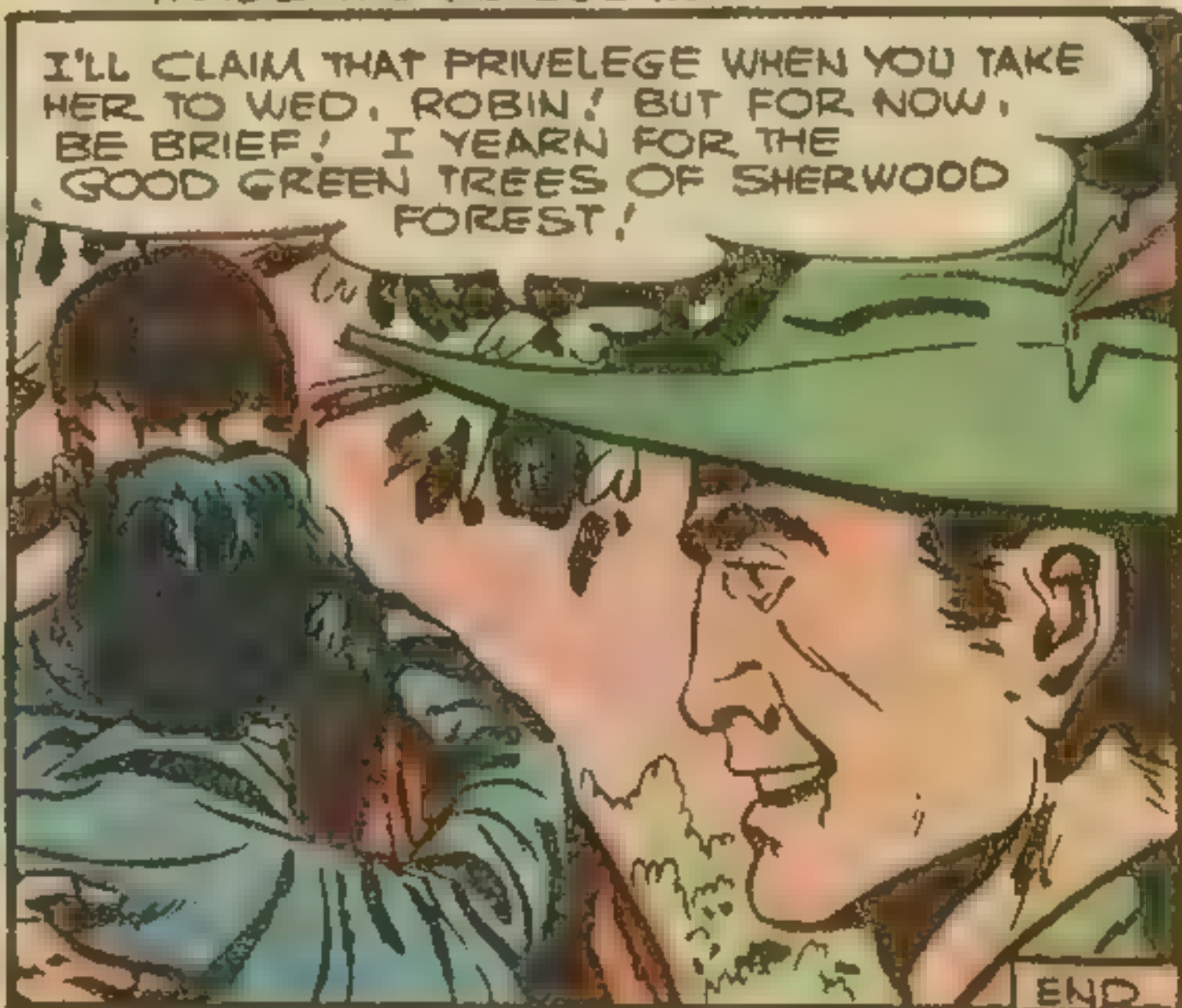


REMEMBER-- BOTHER MAID MARIAN OR
HER FATHER AGAIN -- AND THE
CHASTISEMENT WILL BE GREATER!



PRINCE JOHN'S BEATEN MEN FILED FROM THE
CASTLE DEJECTEDLY! THEN THE OUTLAW
MADE HIS ADIEUS...

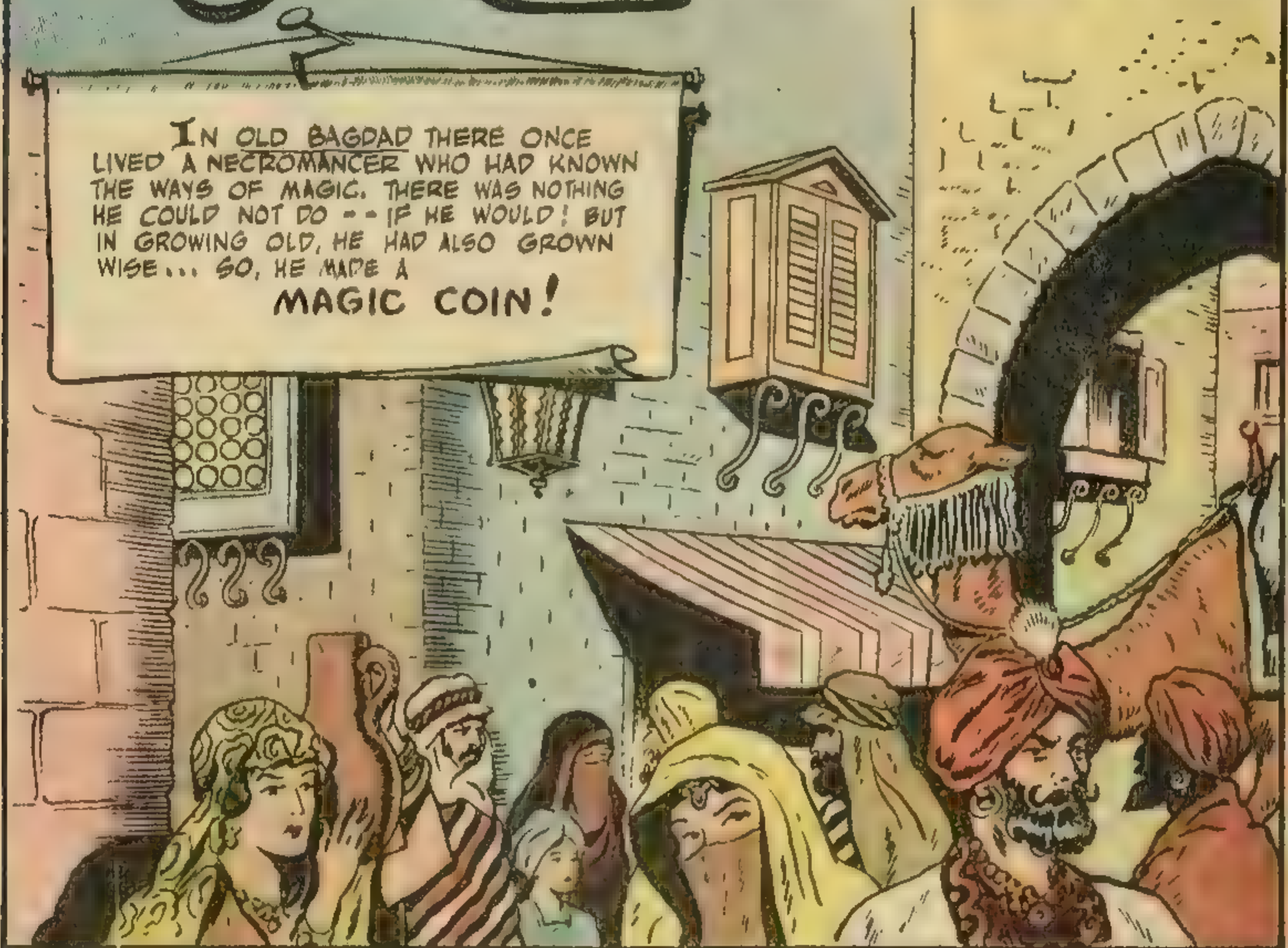
I'LL CLAIM THAT PRIVILEGE WHEN YOU TAKE
HER TO WED, ROBIN! BUT FOR NOW,
BE BRIEF! I YEARN FOR THE
GOOD GREEN TREES OF SHERWOOD
FOREST!



END

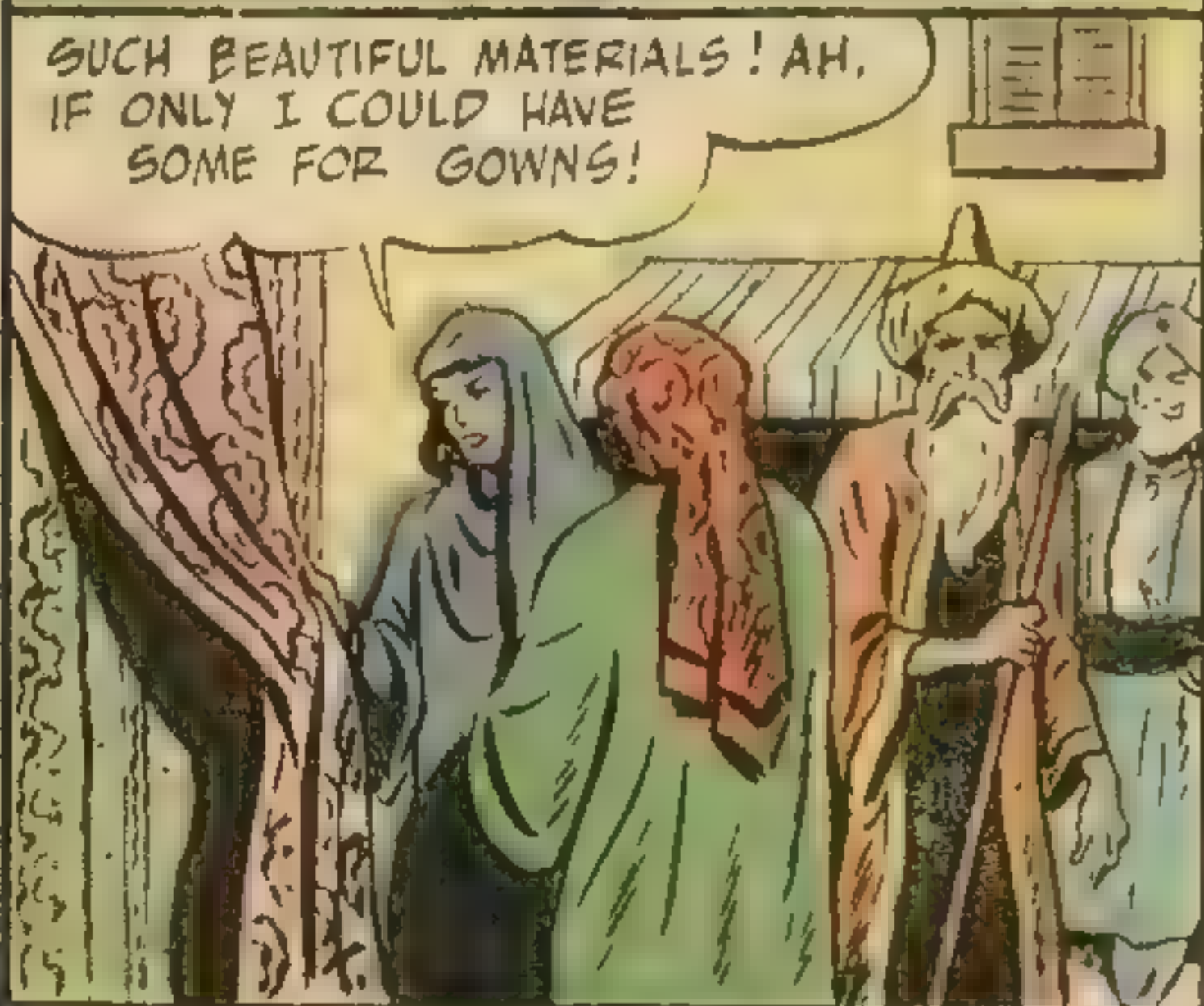
The Magic Coin

IN OLD BAGDAD THERE ONCE
LIVED A NECROMANCER WHO HAD KNOWN
THE WAYS OF MAGIC. THERE WAS NOTHING
HE COULD NOT DO -- IF HE WOULD! BUT
IN GROWING OLD, HE HAD ALSO GROWN
WISE... SO, HE MADE A
MAGIC COIN!



IT CAME ABOUT AS DAHESH, THE MAGI-
CIAN STROLLED THROUGH THE MARKET
PLACE ONE DAY ...

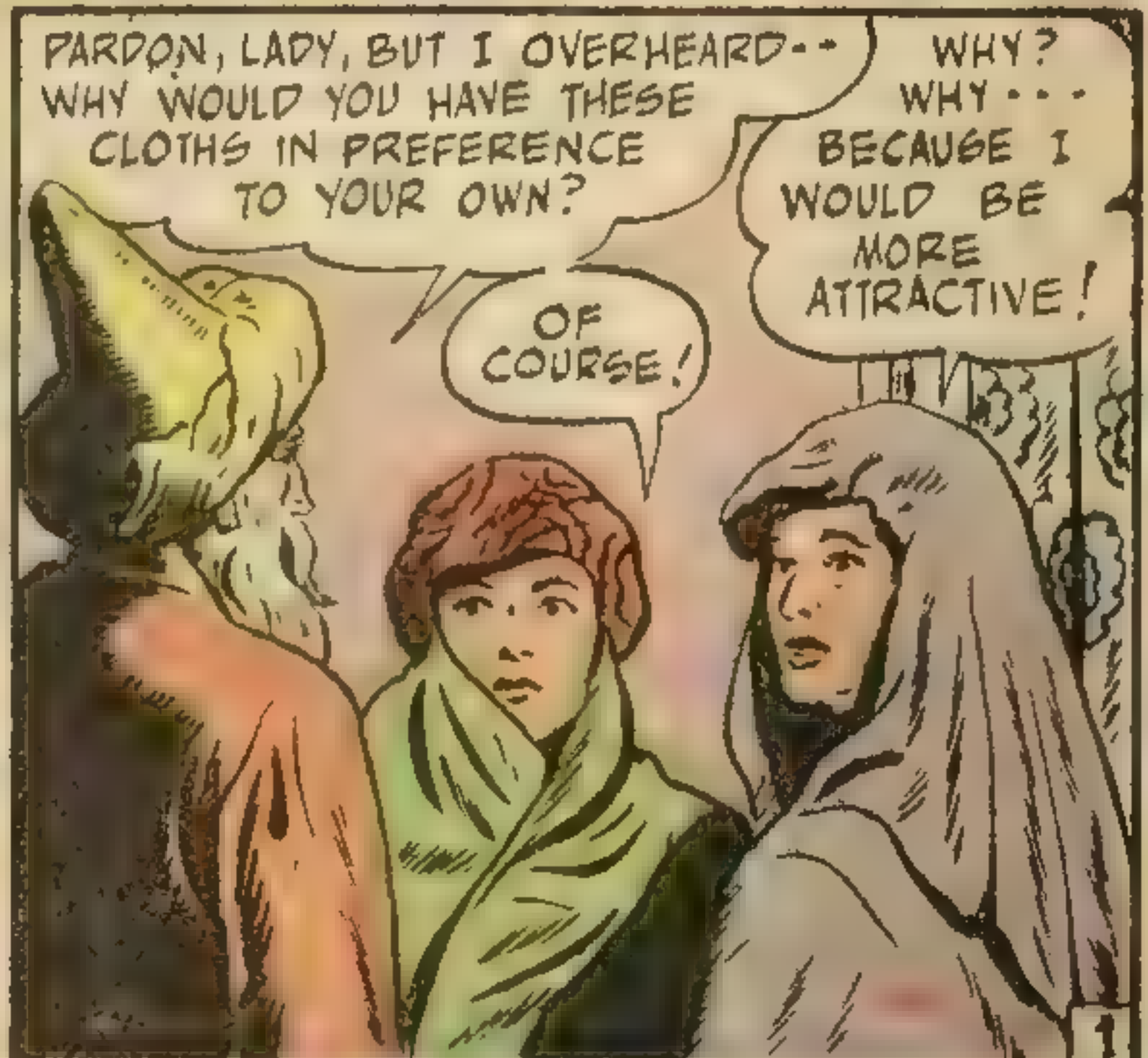
SUCH BEAUTIFUL MATERIALS! AH,
IF ONLY I COULD HAVE
SOME FOR GOWNS!



PARDON, LADY, BUT I OVERHEARD--
WHY WOULD YOU HAVE THESE
CLOTHS IN PREFERENCE
TO YOUR OWN?

WHY?
WHY...
BECAUSE I
WOULD BE
MORE
ATTRACTIVE!

OF
COURSE!



ROBIN HOOD & HIS MERRY MEN

AND, AS DAHESH WANDERS ON --

MY, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL BEAST! I WISH SOMEONE WOULD KEEP ME AS WELL!



AND HOW WOULD THE FOOL ENJOY HAY AT HIS MEALTIMES? HOW WOULD THEY FEEL IF I WERE TO MAKE THEIR WISHES COME TRUE! Hmm ... PERHAPS THERE IS A WAY TO TEACH MEN WISDOM!



AMOLEKITES - AMOLEKITES!

BY THE POWER VESTED IN YOU BY THE ONE AND ONLY, LET THIS COIN CONTAIN THE STRENGTH TO GRANT TO EACH NEW OWNER WHATSOEVER MAY BE HIS FIRST WISH WHEN IT COMES TO HIS POSSESSION!



AND, SO IT IS DONE!



SOON ... AS FIRST OWNER OF THE MAGIC COIN, IT IS MY WISH THAT NO MAN WHO OWNS IT SHALL BECOME AWARE OF ITS POWER!



TO WHOM SHALL I GIVE IT FIRST? TO THAT BEGGAR? WHY NOT?



MAY THE HEAVENS SMILE ON YOU!



ROBIN HOOD & HIS MERRY MEN



AH, I WISH ALL MEN WERE AS GENEROUS TO POOR OLD ASAF!



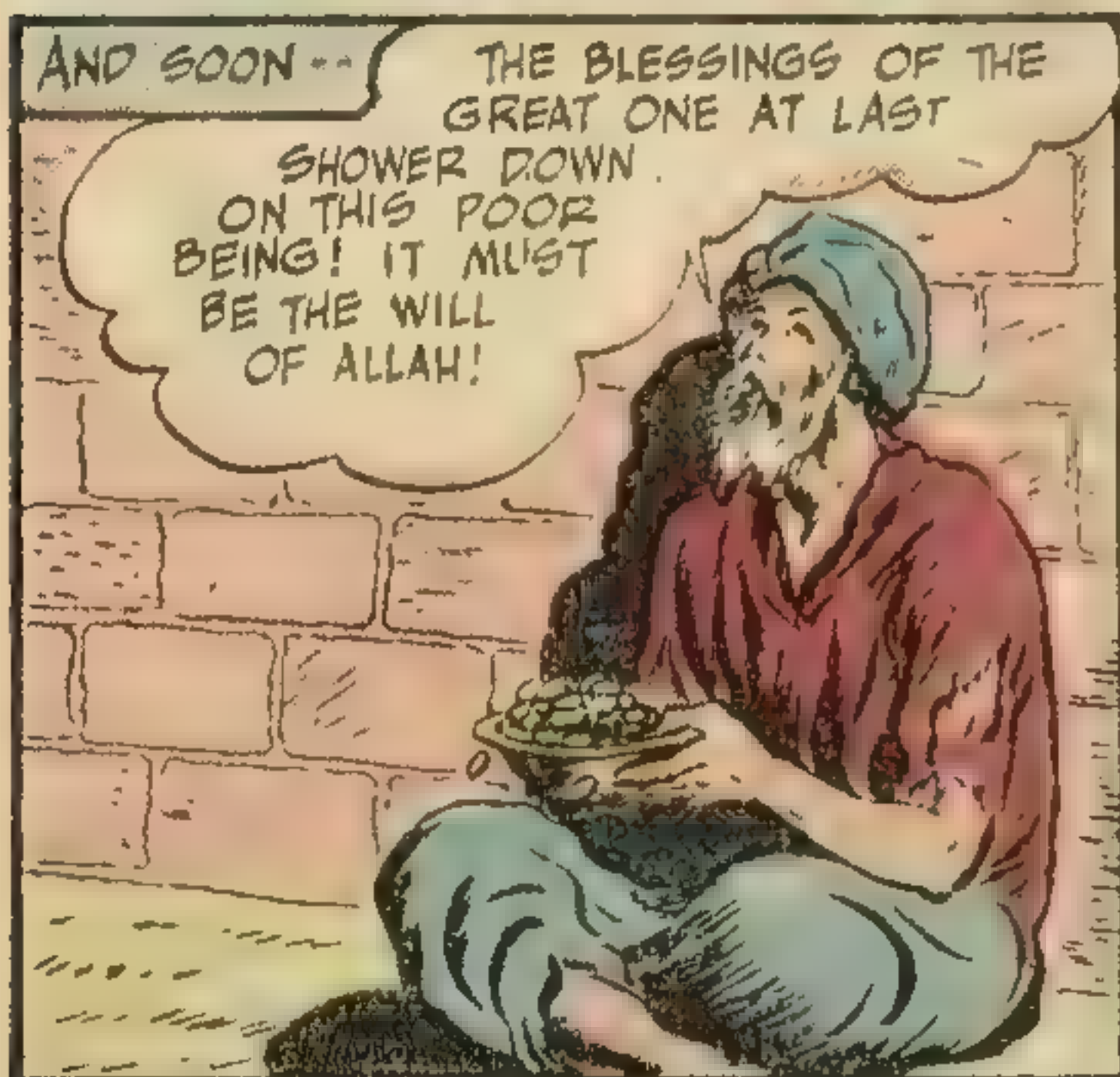
HERE, OLD MAN!



A BLESSING ON THEE, BEGGAR!

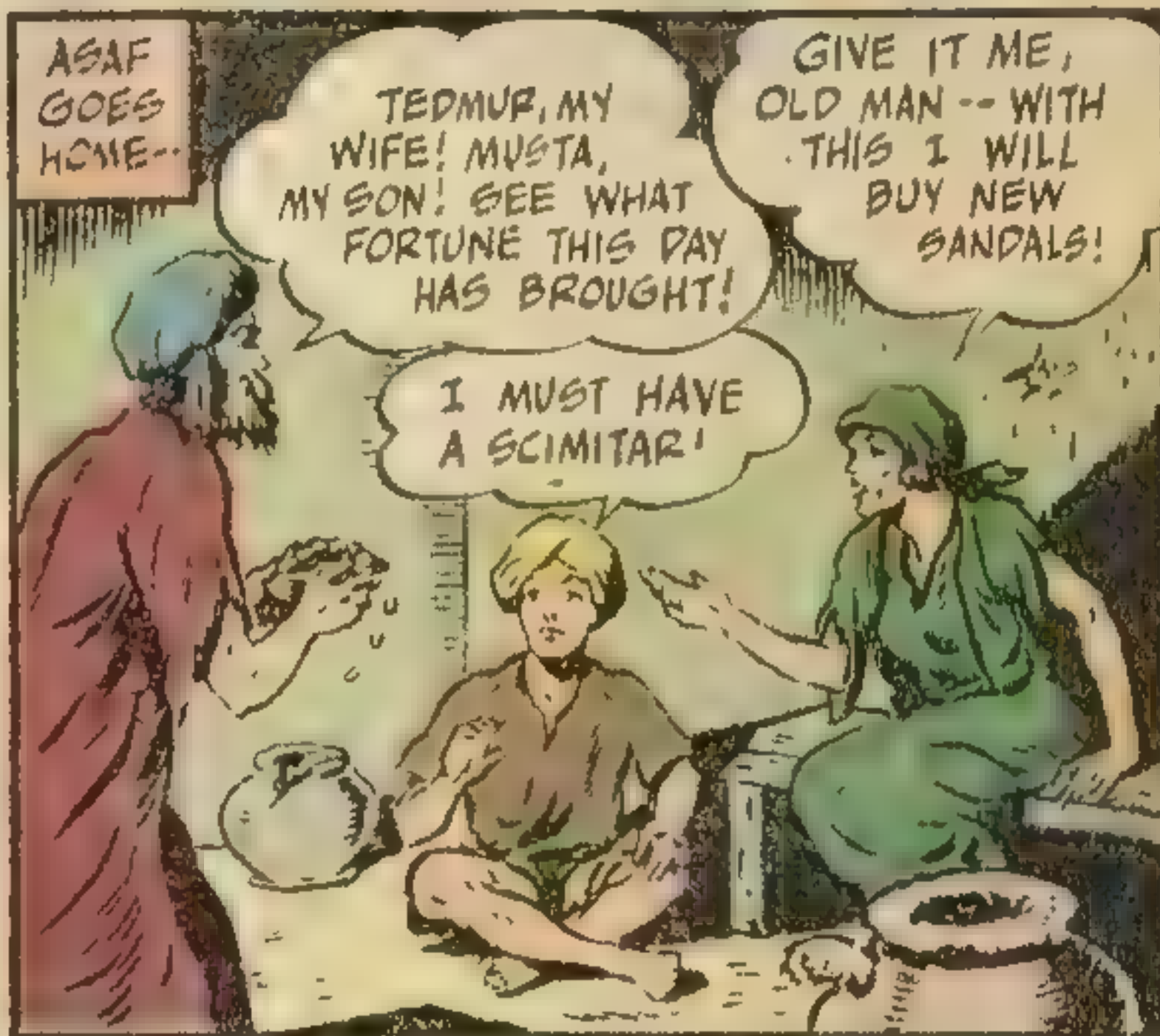


HERE -- ALMS FOR THE LOVE OF ALLAH!



AND SOON --

THE BLESSINGS OF THE GREAT ONE AT LAST SHOWER DOWN ON THIS POOR BEING! IT MUST BE THE WILL OF ALLAH!

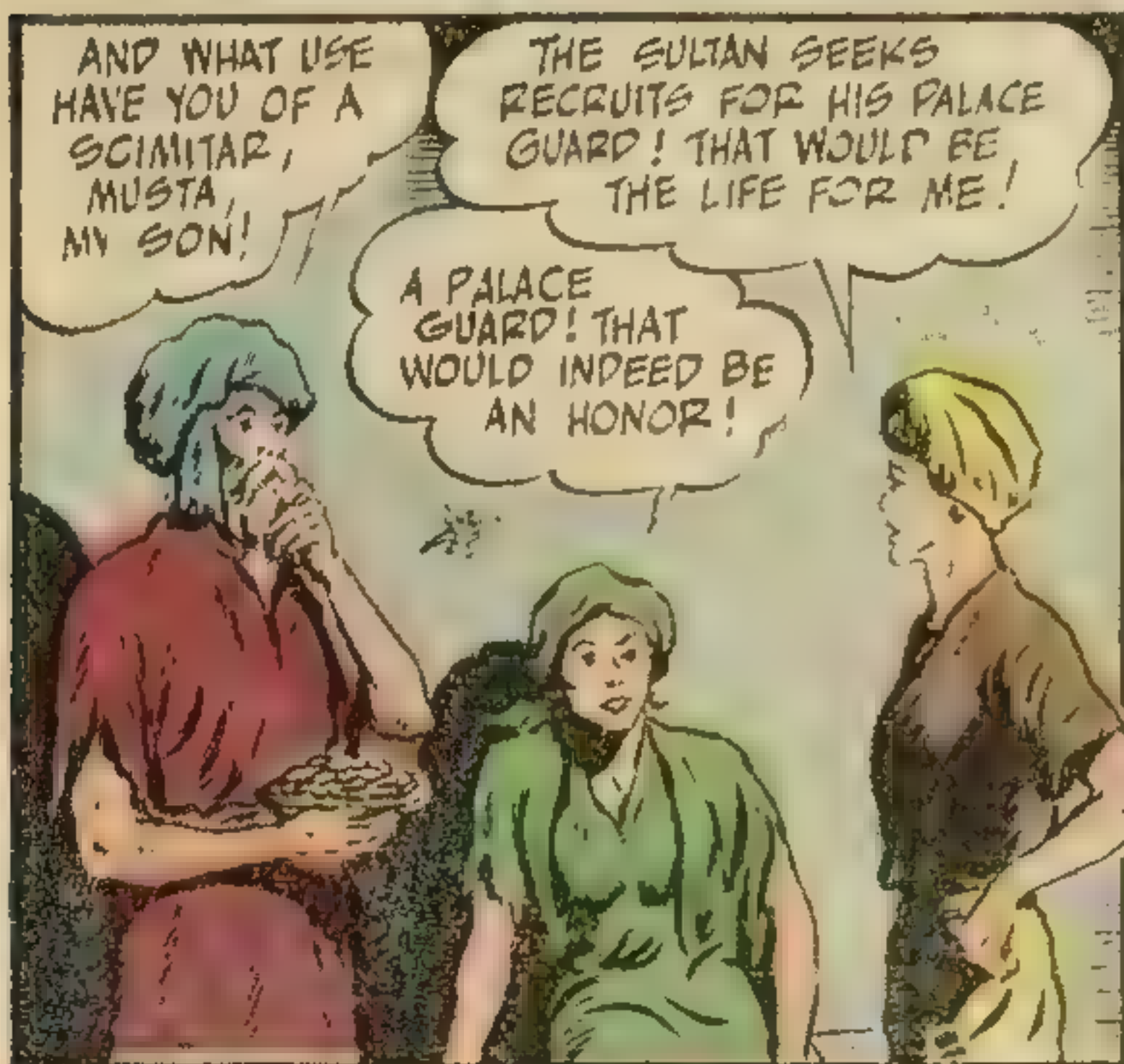


ASAF GOES HOME --

TEDMUR, MY WIFE! MUSTA, MY SON! SEE WHAT FORTUNE THIS DAY HAS BROUGHT!

GIVE IT ME, OLD MAN -- WITH THIS I WILL BUY NEW SANDALS!

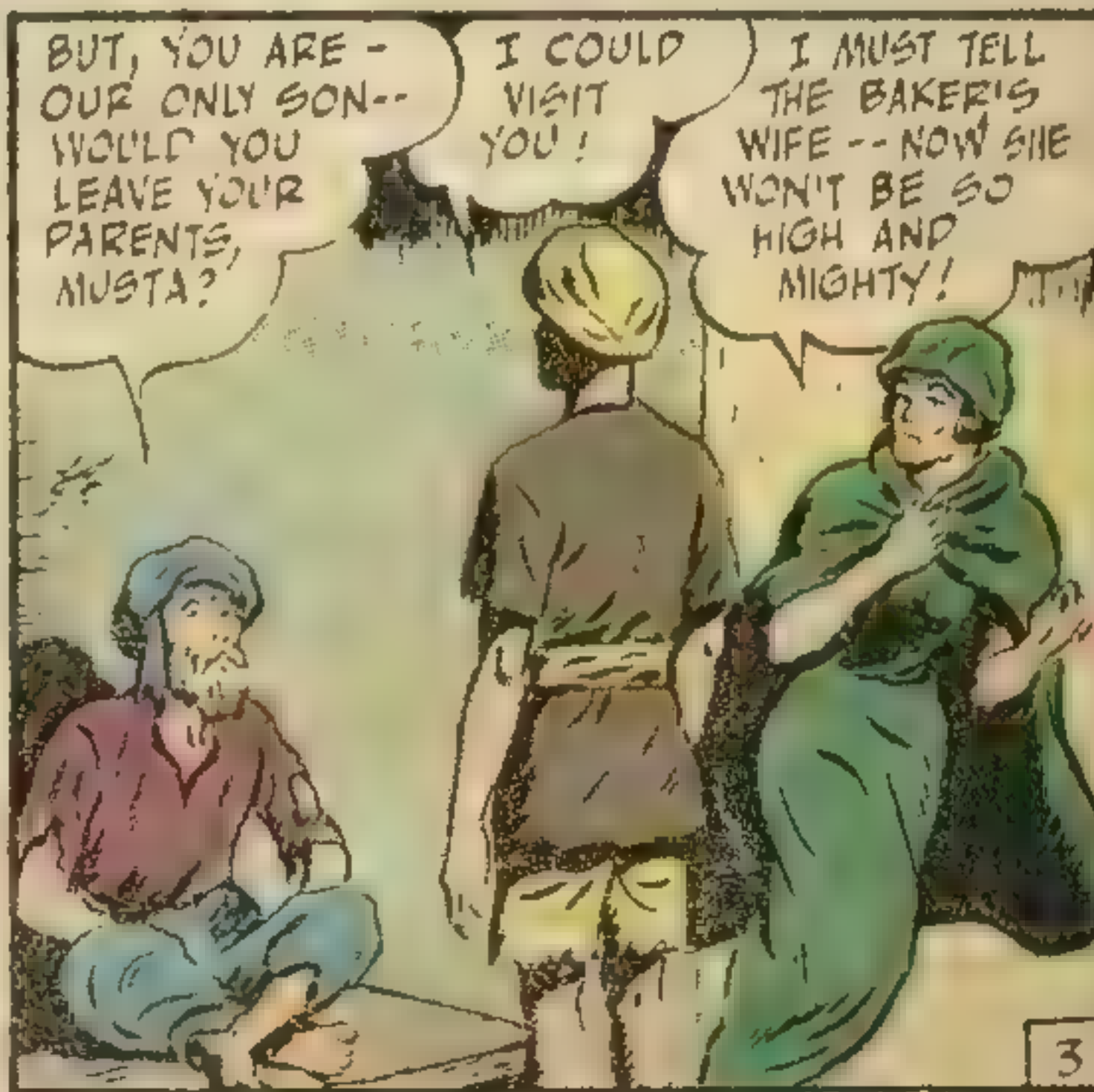
I MUST HAVE A SCIMITAR!



AND WHAT USE HAVE YOU OF A SCIMITAR, MUSTA, MY SON!

THE SULTAN SEEKS RECRUITS FOR HIS PALACE GUARD! THAT WOULD BE THE LIFE FOR ME!

A PALACE GUARD! THAT WOULD INDEED BE AN HONOR!



BUT, YOU ARE -- OUR ONLY SON -- WOULD YOU LEAVE YOUR PARENTS, MUSTA?

I COULD VISIT YOU!

I MUST TELL THE BAKER'S WIFE -- NOW SHE WON'T BE SO HIGH AND MIGHTY!

ROBIN HOOD & HIS MERRY MEN

AND THIS STRANGE GOOD FORTUNE CONTINUES -- ASAF NO LONGER BEGS FOR HIS LIVING ... HE IS A RICH MAN!

ASAF, I MUST HAVE SOME NEW ROBES -- AND I'VE ORDERED A GOLD SEDAN. OH, YES -- MUSTA WANTS A NEW STEED.

YES, TEDMUR!

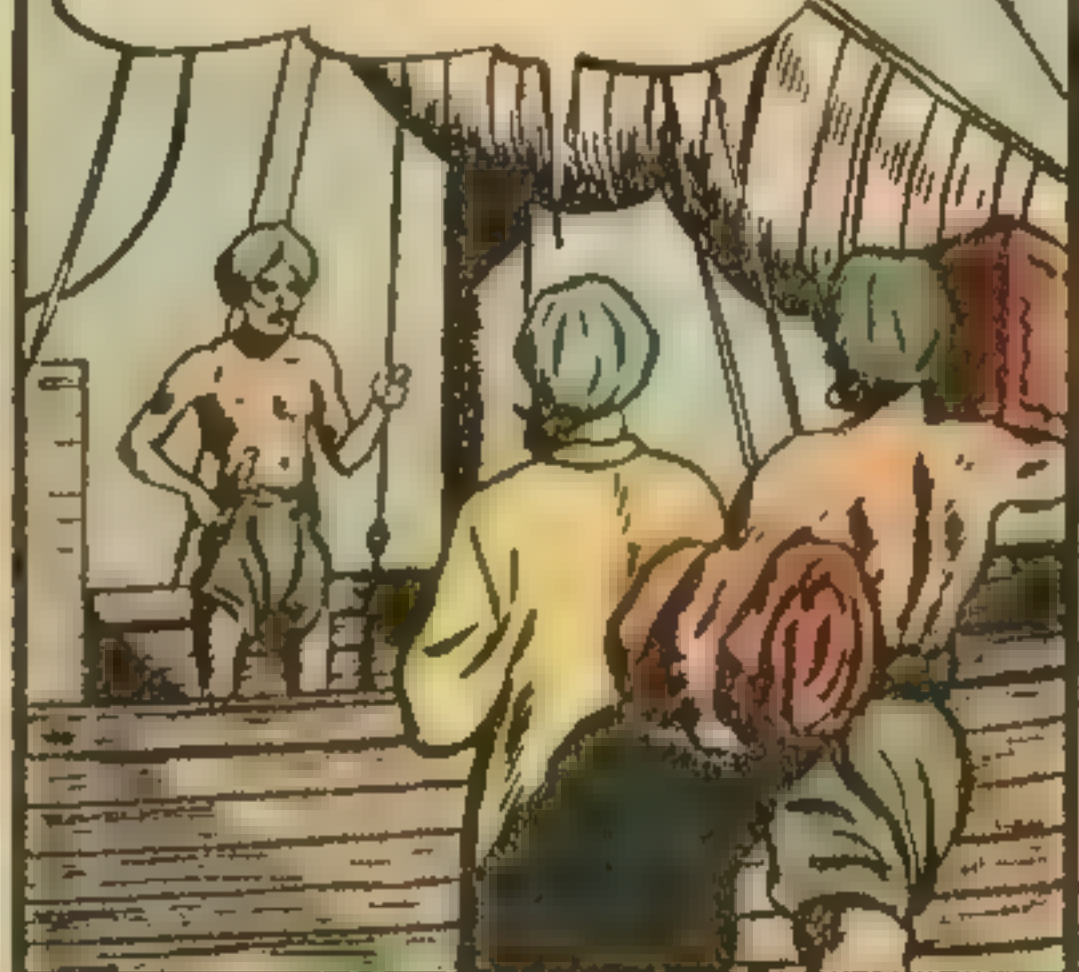


SOON... ASAF, A TRAVELLER FROM INDIA HAS TOLD ME OF A WONDROUS GEM THAT CONTAINS A STAR -- I WANT IT, ASAF! YOU MUST GO YOURSELF FOR IT -- I WOULD TRUST NO OTHER WITH SUCH A MISSION!



AFTER MANY DAYS PREPARATION, ASAF SETS FORTH

LITTLE DID I ONCE THINK THE BEGGAR WOULD BE JOURNEYING TO DISTANT LANDS IN SEARCH OF A RARE GEM! GREAT IS THE WILL OF ALLAH!

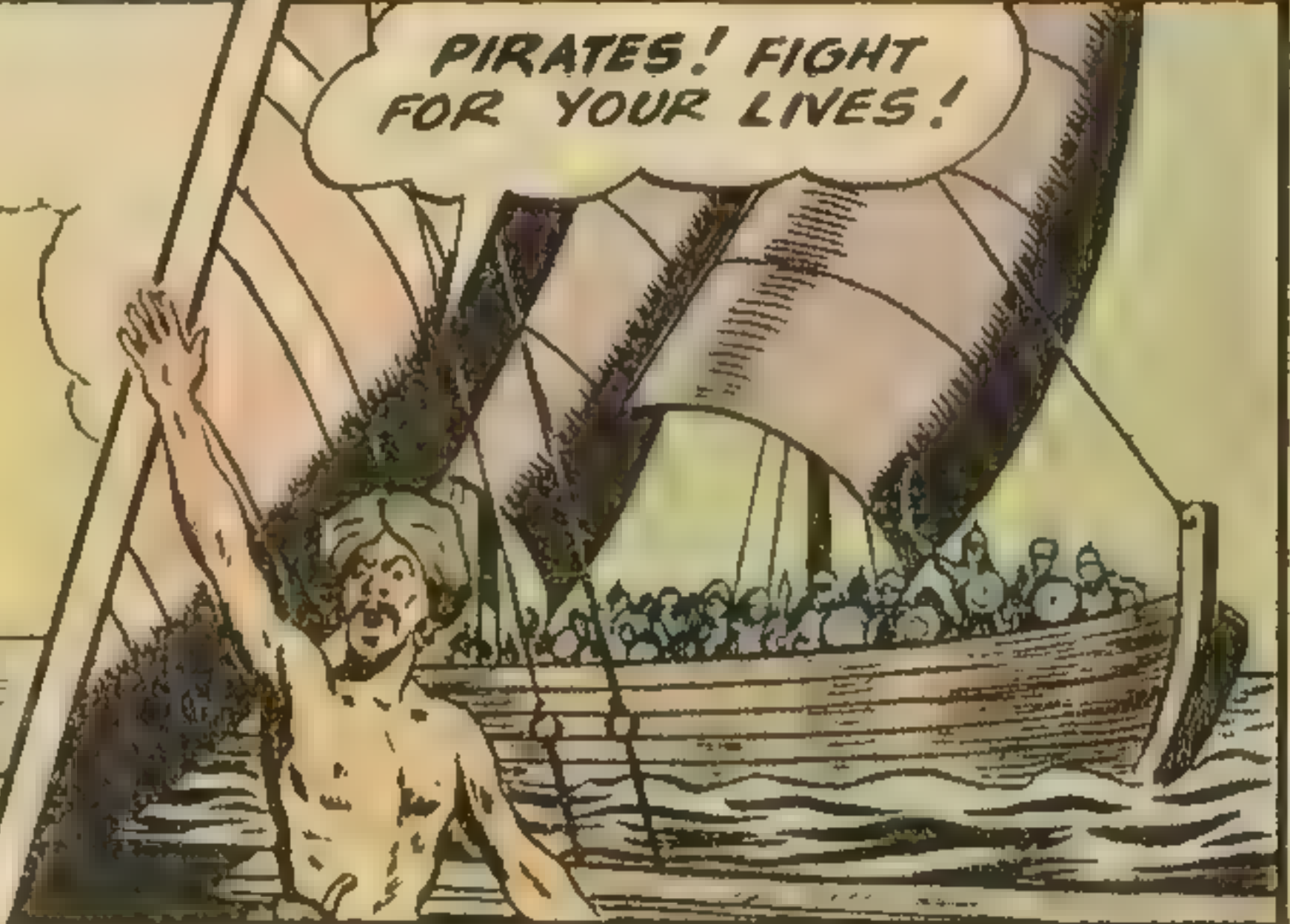


FIVE DAYS OUT OF SIGHT OF LAND... A SHIP IS SIGHTED ...



AS THE SHIPS NEAR EACH OTHER - - -

PIRATES! FIGHT FOR YOUR LIVES!



THE SAILORS ARE NO MATCH FOR THE VILLAINOUS PIRATES!



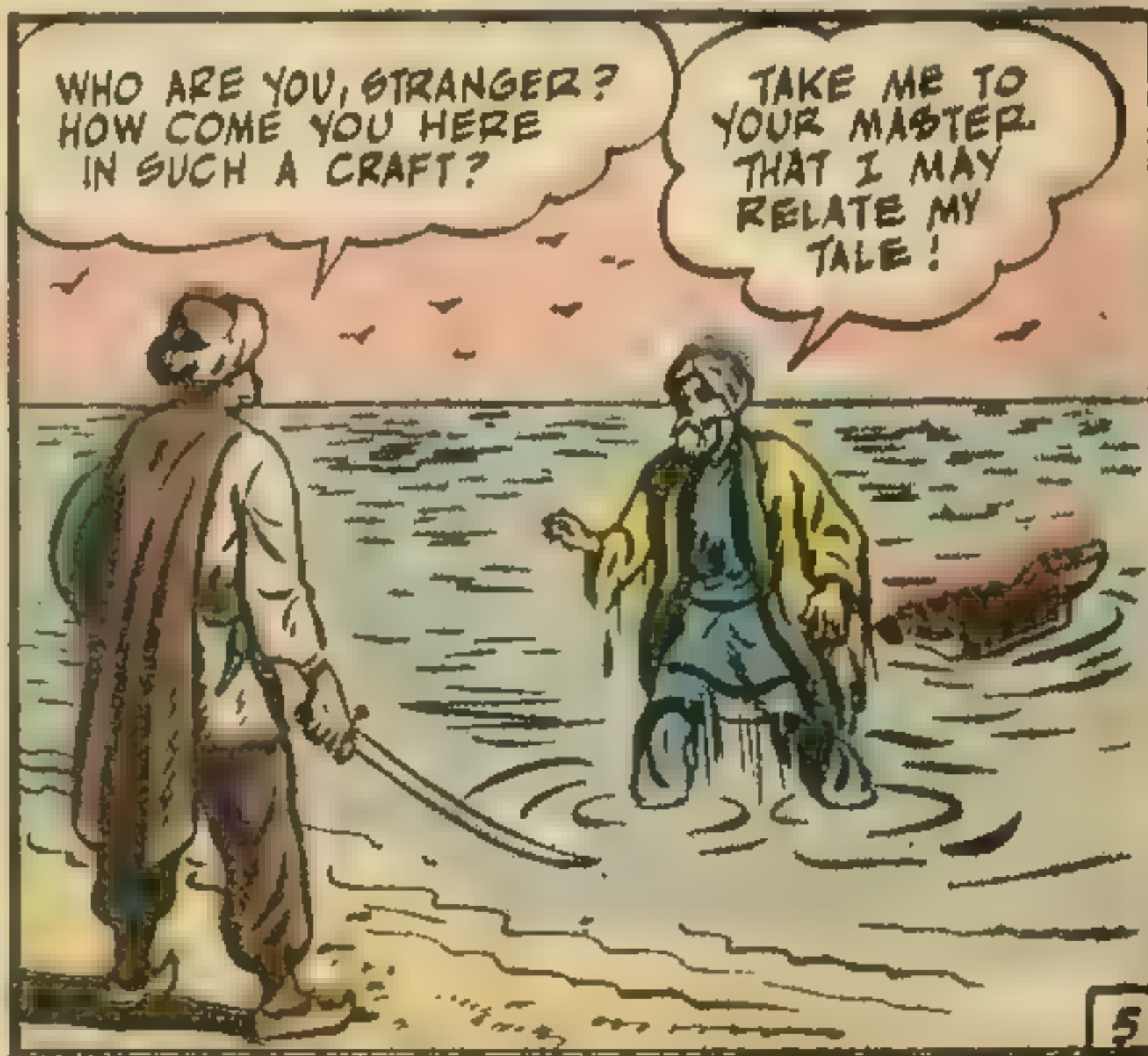
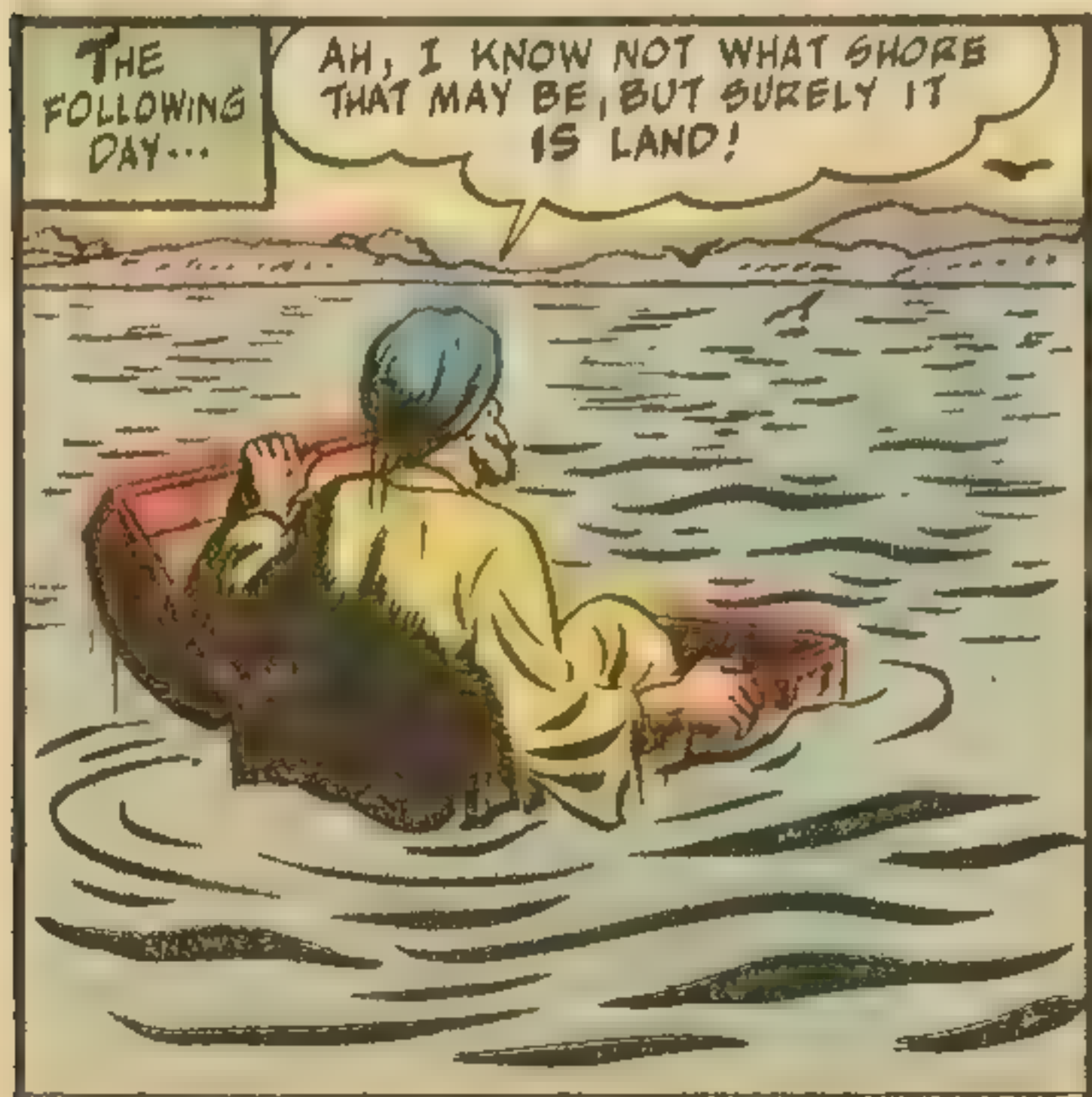
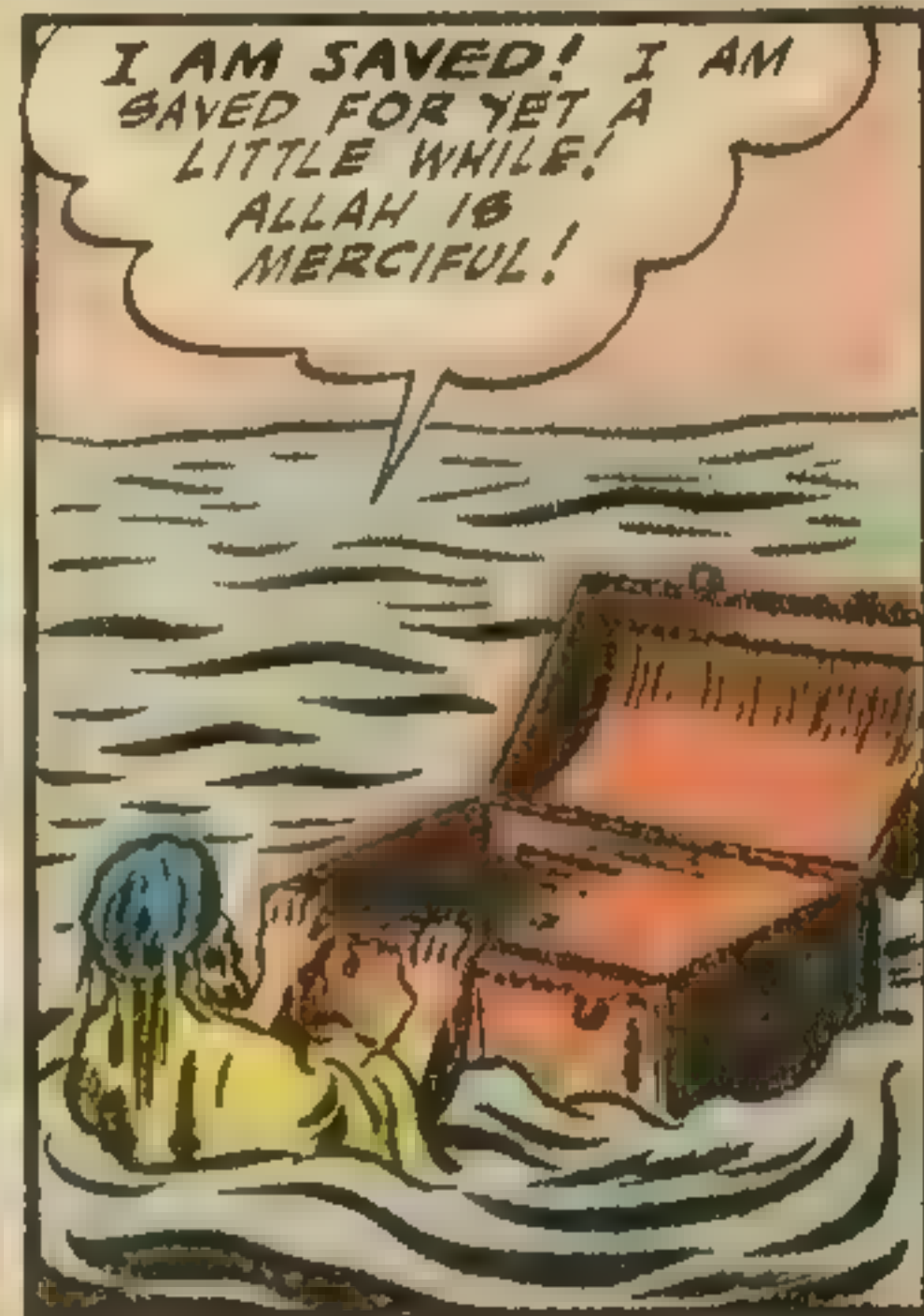
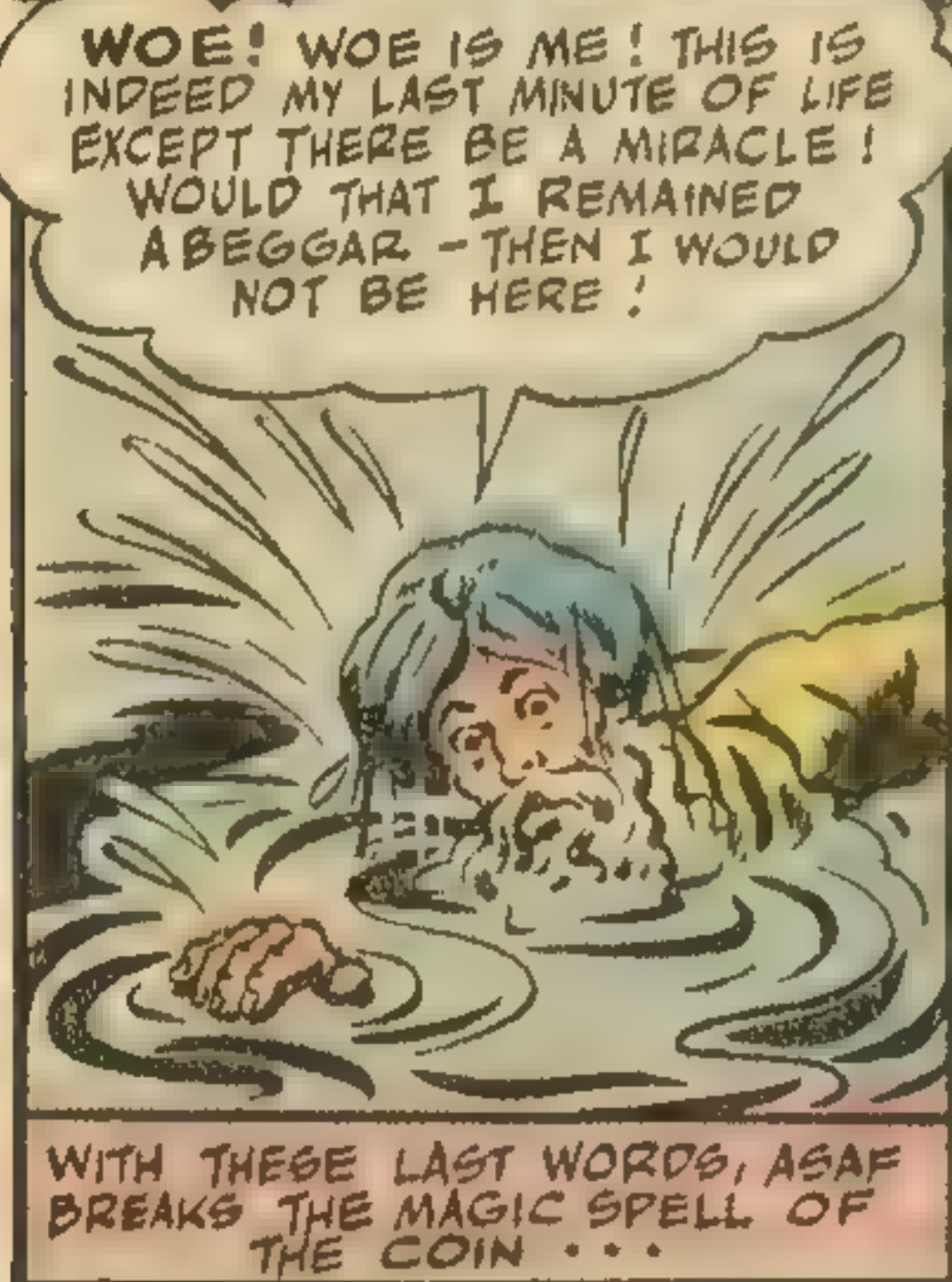
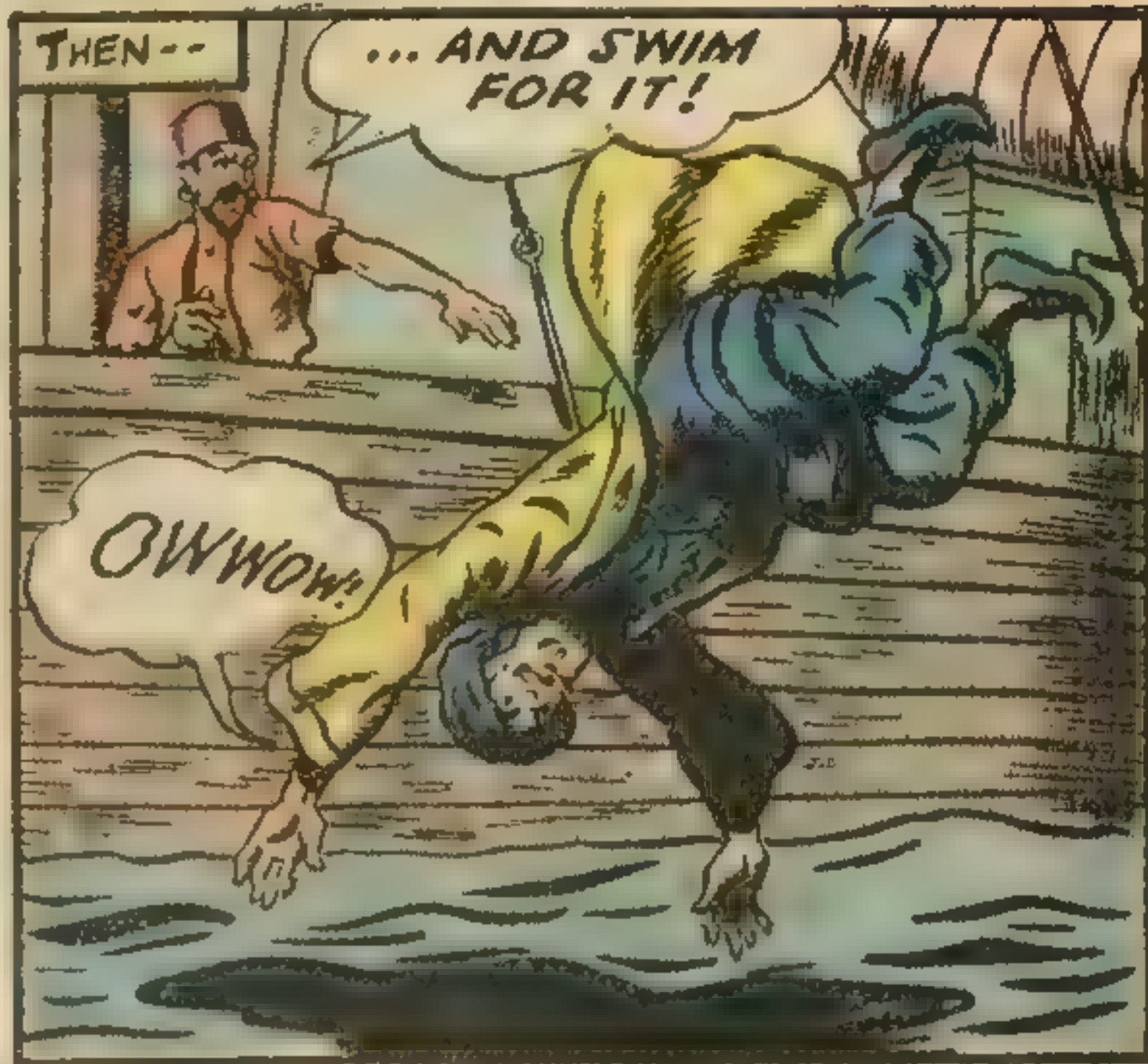
NO -- I BEG YOU! TAKE ALL THAT I POSSESS, BUT SPARE MY LIFE!

WHY SHOULD I?



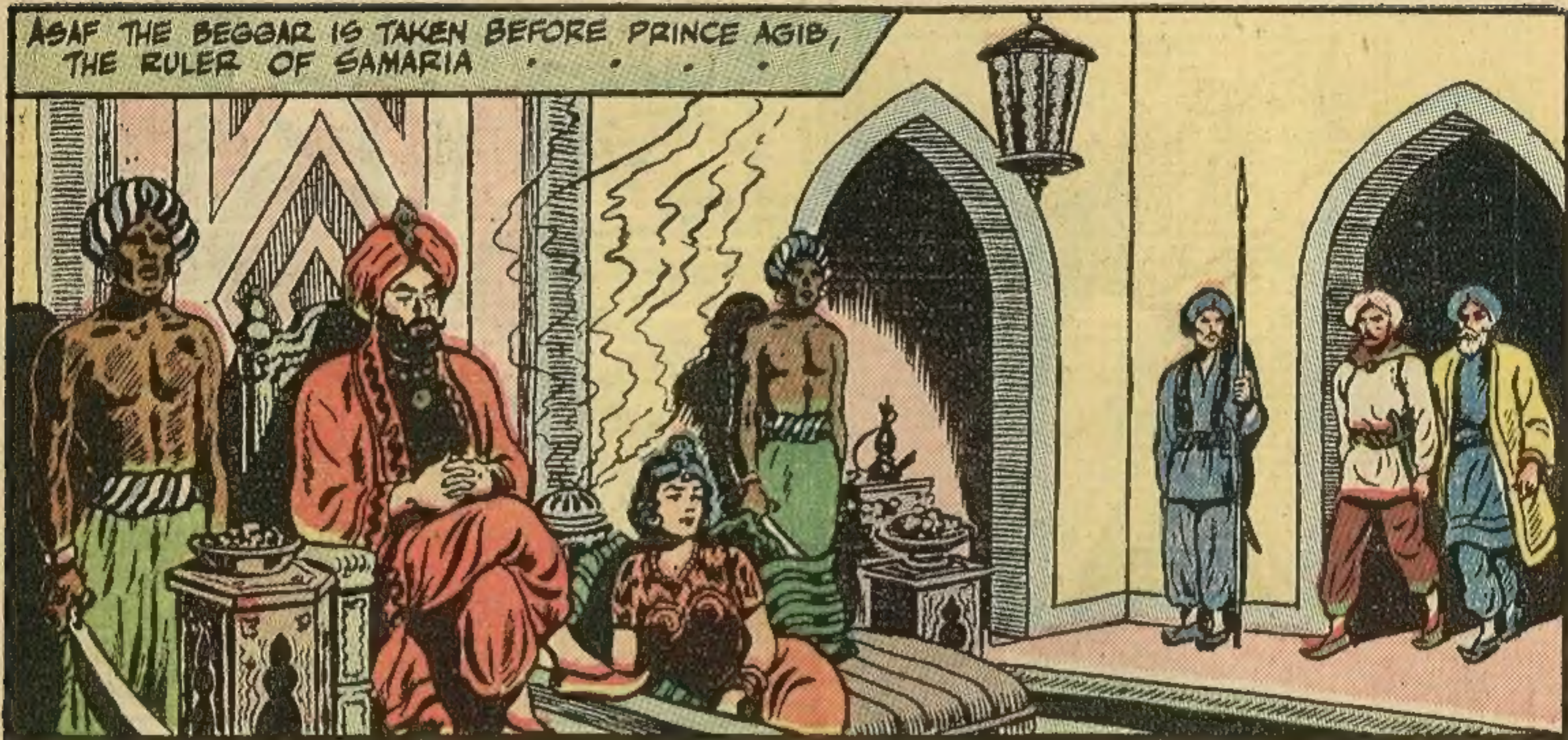
WILL THE WISH MADE ON THE MAGIC COIN HELP ASAF NOW?

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ASAF THE BEGGAR IS TAKEN BEFORE PRINCE AGIB, THE RULER OF SAMARIA.



WHO IS THIS WRETCH?
WHY DO YOU BRING
HIM INTO MY
PRESENCE?

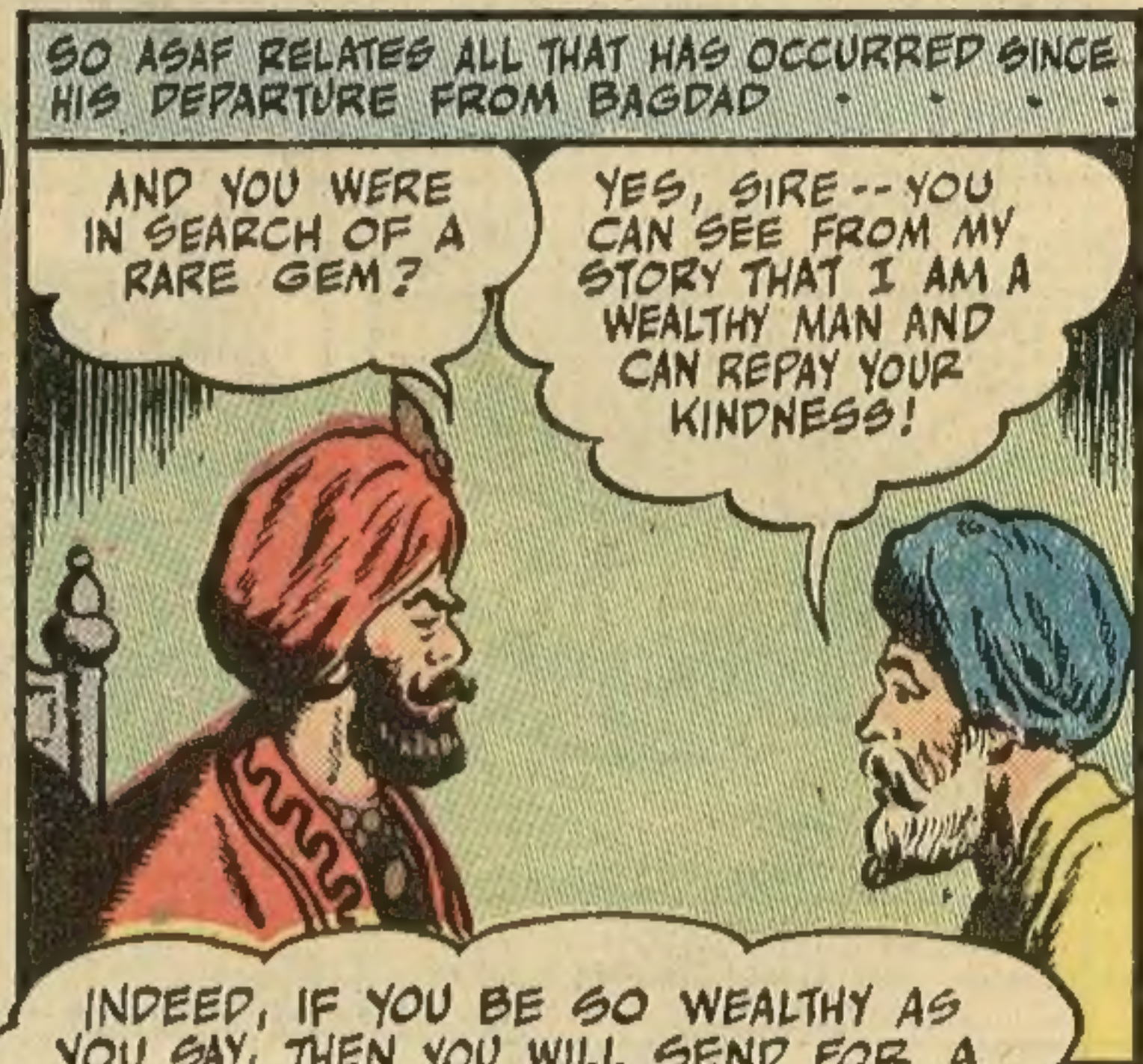
OH, GREAT
RULER, HEAR MY
STORY -- MISFORTUNE
HAS BEEN MY
LOT EVER
SINCE---



SO ASAF RELATES ALL THAT HAS OCCURRED SINCE
HIS DEPARTURE FROM BAGDAD.

AND YOU WERE
IN SEARCH OF A
RARE GEM?

YES, SIRE -- YOU
CAN SEE FROM MY
STORY THAT I AM A
WEALTHY MAN AND
CAN REPAY YOUR
KINDNESS!



SEIZE HIM AND CAST HIM IN THE
DUNGEON!

SEIZE ME!?
BUT WHY?

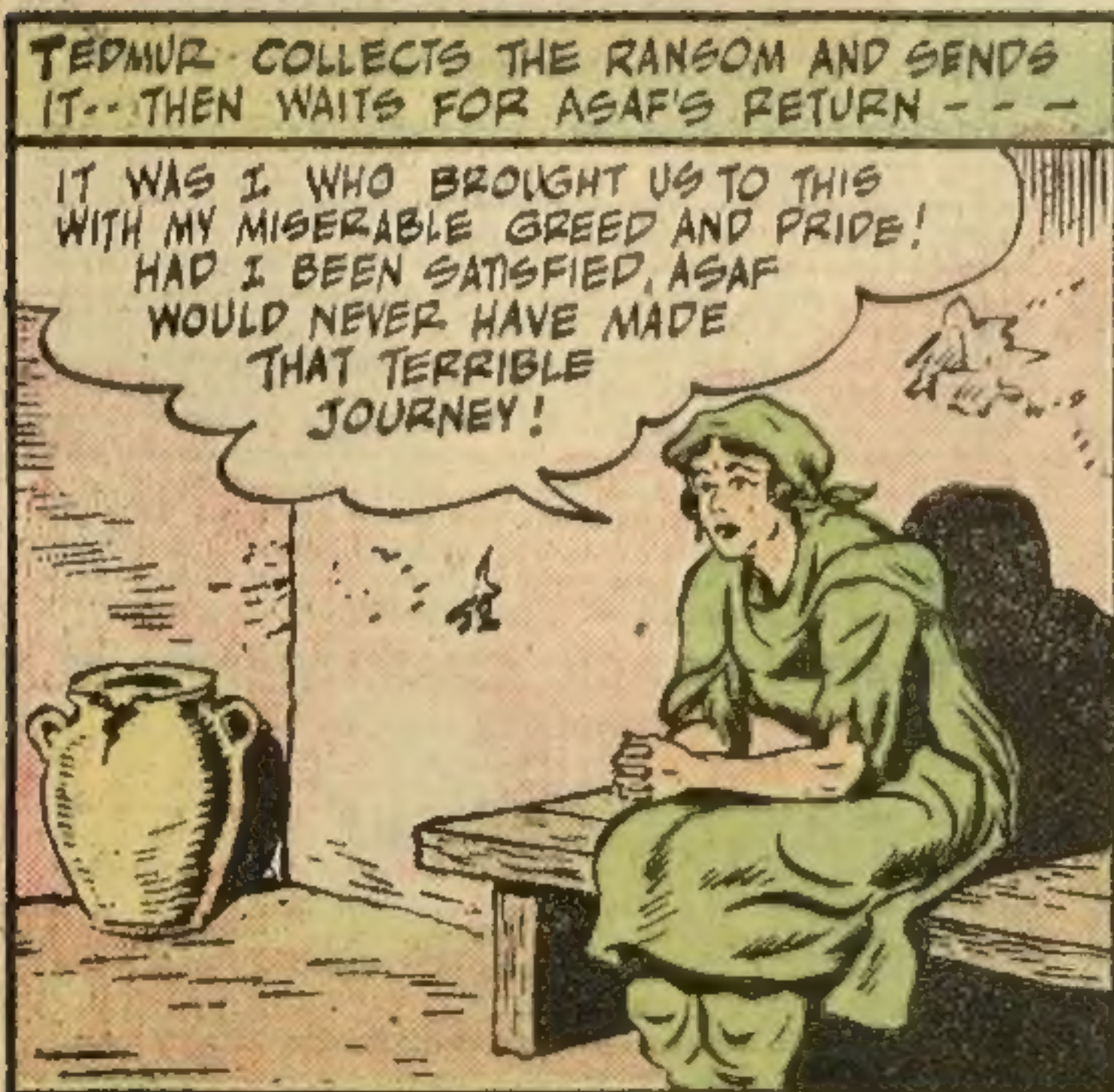


INDEED, IF YOU BE SO WEALTHY AS
YOU SAY, THEN YOU WILL SEND FOR A
SHIP LOADED WITH GOLD AND JEWELS
AS RANSOM FOR YOUR LIFE! IF IT
ARRIVES NOT WITHIN TWO MOONS,
I WILL DEMAND THE FORFEIT!



AGIB DELIVERS
HIS ULTIMATUM..

ROBIN HOOD & HIS MERRY MEN



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HA! IT WOULD SEEM OUR CAPTIVE HAD TOLD THE TRUTH! THIS WEALTH ALMOST RIVALS MINE! HAVE THE VIZIER PUT IT IN THE TREASURY!

AND WHAT OF THE PRISONER, SIRE?

OH IS HE STILL ALIVE? WELL, RELEASE HIM AND SEND HIM ON HIS WAY!

GO NOW, HURRIEDLY -- LEST AGIB SHOULD CHANGE HIS MIND AND REFUSE YOU FREEDOM!

MY GRATITUDE TO YOU! INDEED FREEDOM IS THE GREATEST GIFT!

THE WAY HOME IS LONG AND WEARY -- AND THE BEGGAR HAS NO OTHER MEANS THAN TO WALK!

THERE AT LAST IS BAGDAD!

ASAF, MY HUSBAND! YOU ARE SAFE!

YES, TEDMUR -- BUT SEE HOW POOR WE ARE! YOU GAVE IT ALL UP FOR ME!

ASAF -- ONCE I WAS ASHAMED THAT YOU HAD TO BEG ... NOW I KNOW THAT MANY THINGS MEAN MORE THAN RICHES! YOU WILL BE A BEGGAR AGAIN AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TOGETHER!

I, TOO, HAVE LEARNED MUCH, TEDMUR!

BUT, WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE MAGIC COIN? WHO HAS POSSESSION OF IT? WHAT WILL BE HIS WISH!

END

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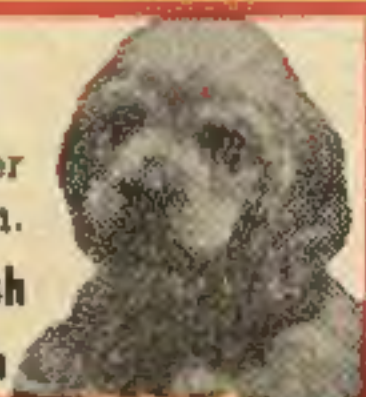
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